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Liberians agree to peace talks

MONROVIA, Liberia (AP) — The government and rebels have agreed to discuss a settlement of their five-month-old war in talks mediated by the Liberian Council of Churches, the government and council said Saturday. A government source, who declined to be further identified, said the talks would begin Monday at the U.S. embassy in Freetown in neighbouring Sierra Leone. The government ratio confirmed President Samuel Doe had agreed to send a delegation. There was no immediate comment by rebels. Neither the government nor council statement mentioned a censelire in the way, which already has claimed an estimated 1.000 lives, mostly civilian. agreed to send a delegation. There was no immediate comment by rebels. Neither the government nor council statement mentioned a ceasefire in the war, which already has claimed an estimated 1,000 lives, mostly civilian, since rebels invaded from the Ivory Coast on Dec. 24. Rebel leader Charles Taylor, a former Doe aide who accuses the president of corruntion and misusunagement, repeatedly has insisted Doe leave Liberia before his insurgests would participate in negotiations. Doe said list week he would send representatives to peace talks if they could be arranged by the church group. But Doe said he will not leave the country, though he has agreed not to run for another term in the October 1991 presidential election.

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UNITED NATIONS (AP) -The government of Oman, which has good relations with both Iran and Iraq, has offered its good offices to belp settle the Iran-Iraq war and break the deadlocked peace talks, according to U.N. diplomats. Oman's U.N. charge d'affaires, Izzat Ben Sabeel Al Zadgaly, delivered a letter from his government's foreign ministry. on Thursday to Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar about the Iran-Iraq stalemate, diplomats said. U.N. officials confirmed that a letter had been delivered, but declined to divilee the contents: Officials of the Oman mission said only that a letter had been conveyed. But diplomats from the region said that the letter concerned Oman's possible good offices. They said that the government of Oman was considering Muscat, the capital, as a site for new talks between Iran and Iraq and involving the secretary-general. It was not known if Muscat was formally proposed as a site for

U.S. restates policy on 'transfer'

WASHINGTON (Agencies) -The U.S. State Department, was asked Friday whether the U.S. have a position on the "transfer" of Palestinians from the occupied territories. "U.S. policy on this issue is longstanding," the State Department said, "We continue to believe that any attempt by Israel to transfer Palestinians from the West Bank and Gaza is a unilateral act that seeks to determine the status of those territories. The United States would oppose that rigorously. Such a policy would not provide a solution to the problem, nor would it bring negotiations any

158,000 in S. Arabia for pilgrimmage

NICOSIA (R) — Saudi Arabia said Saturday that 158,000 Muslins had already arrived in the country for the annual pilgrim-mage to the Holy Cities of Mecca and Medina next month. The Saudi-Press Agency (SPA) carried the official announcement without giving an estimated total number of pilgrims expected at this year's Haj. Last year more than 1.5 million pilgrims performed the annual rite.

S. Africa frees 28 political prisoners

CAPE TOWN (R) - South Afri ca freed 28 political prisoners Saturday, apparently as part of a pledge this week by President F.W. de Klerk to ease a national state of emergency. The prisoners, who had been held on Robben Island, arrived in Cape Town and were transferred to a churchrun reception centre in the city. Most had terms of less than 18 months to serve when they were released, having been sentenced for offences ranging from treason and sabotage to sedition.

Yacht sinks after collision in Greece

ATHENS (R) — A yacht with 23 Austrian and West German tourists on board collided with a ship near Athens on Saturday and sank, a merchant marine spokesman said. One woman was killed two passengers were injured and one was missing, the spokesman said. The yacht Agena, sailing for the island of Serifos with the tourists and a Greek crew of four. collided with the coastal cargo ship Anastassia K off Point Sounion south of Athens, he said.

Soviet youth hijacks plane

STOCKHOLM (AP) — A soviet youth using a fake hand grenade hijacked a Soviet airliner to Stockholm's international airport Saturday and surrendered to police, officials said. The alleged bijacker, 17-year-old Dimitry Semionov, told interrogators he decided to leave the Soviet Union after his parents kicked him out of their home, according to Barry Ivarsion, a police inspector at Arlanda international airport, located 40 kilometres north of-

Qasem: New Israeli coalition setback for peace

By a Jordan Times Staff

AMMAN — Efforts for peace in the Middle East have been dealt a serious setback by the formation of the new right-wing government in Israel, Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Marwan Al Oasem said Saturday.

The government formed by Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir. "will have negative effects in the region and it's a setback for all peace efforts, Qasem was quoted as saying by the Associated Press.

"In its current formula and with Shamir's statements of his government's policies, all hopes for a just and comprehensive peace in the Middle East are destroyed," Qasem told the AP during a break in a session of the Lower House of Parliament.

The foreign minister also said that "if the United States decides not to continue talks with the PLO (Palestine Liberation Organisation), this is going to be interpreted as additional American support for the hostile policies of the Israeli government."

"This is not to the benefit of the U.S. administration," he added.

Shamir Friday formed a coalition government pledged to "uproot" the 30-month-old Palestinian uprising and to permit additional Jewish settlement in the occupied territories.

The new government led by out any talks with the PLO. The head of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Lower

House expressed scepticism that Israel's rightist government would affect U.S. policy even if it blocks peace efforts.

"The Americans are too cowardly to do anything, no matter what Israel does," said former Foreign Minister Taher Al Masri. He said that if Shamir wins a vote of confidence," "this is really a very dangerous cabinet because it consists of the most

extremist politicians in Israel." He said if the government stays in power for some time," there is a real danger to Jordan" because "it is the policy of the Israeli government to push Palestinians ont of their territory" into Jor-

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM

(Agencies) — Palestinians shut

themselves in their homes Satur-

day, marking 30 months of revolt

in the occupied territories amid

fears for the future under Israel's

Streets were descrited

throughout the West Bank, Gaza

Strip and Arab Jerusalem as a

general strike closed businesses

"Nothing is moving except army vehicles," reported a resi-

dent of Nablus, a West Bank

town under curiew since soldiers

shot and killed two teenagers

The strike was widely observed

in the Gaza Strip, home to 650,000 Palestinians. Residents

said soldiers patrolled empty

Palestinian analysts predict in-

creased violence on both sides

under the most right-wing gov-

erument in Israeli history. But some also expect a short-tem bill.

Palestinian philosopher Sari

Nusseibeh says that within a

month or two Prime Minister

Yitzhak Shamir and Foreign

Minister Moshe Arens will lose

control of policy to the hawkish

majority in the cabinet.

The dynamic of the new gov-

ernment wil crystalise towards the Sharon school of thought," he

said referring to former Defence

Minister Ariel Sharon, tipped to

A general strike to mark the

anniversary was called by the

unified leadership of the uprising

in its regular underground direc-

become housing minister.

and halted transport.

Monday.

new right-wing government.

Palestinians expect

Tayyeb Abdul Rahim, the Writer with agency dispatches Palestinian ambassador to Jordan, said the new Israeli government would institutionalise poli-

tical extremism in Israel. "The region will now face an extremist government that will heighten tension, carry out acts of aggression on some Arab countries, especially Libya, Iraq and Jordan, and clamp down on the intifada," he told the Jordan News Agency, Petra.

"The new government will also abort any moves towards peace and would resist any peace initiative contrary to continuing the military occupation of Arab territories," he said.

In the Gulf, newspapers and radios stations branded Shamir's government "a war cabinet" and urged the United States and other major powers to act to bead off confrontation (see page 2).

Palestinian leaders in the occupied territories bave predicted more conflict and oppression under the new Israeli govern-

"Extreme racists and advocates of terrorism have become part of the Israeli establishment," said academic Hanan Mikhail Ashrawi, reflecting widespread concern in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

"It is clear that Israel has not cast its vote on the side of peace but is pursuing a policy of conflict and oppression."

But Faisal Al Husseini, the most senior figure in the occupied territories, told Reuters, "We are ready to deal with this government. If it wants peace we are ready and if it seeks war it should know that no one can destroy the .Palestinian uprising."

Saeb Erekat, another West Bank university professor, said: "When you drop the poblical option - and this government was formed to bury the peace option - it means the other option is conflict."

Some Palestinians said they worried more about an increase m Jewish settlements in the occupied territories than about more repression.

"Israeli governments have used all methods of repression that are politically feasible," said Bashir Barghouthi, editor of the Al Tali'a newspaper. But in settlement building no one could match a hardline government, he

Palestinians have voiced deep

concern over Shamir's new coali-

tion, which is free of restraints

until a unity government col-

of a 72-year-old Palestinian man

who was stabbed to death over-

night. Residents of the Shufat

man had been suspected of col-

Witnesses said two or three

laborating with Israeli author-

masked youths were seen dump-

ing the body near the neighbour-

hood mosque," said a police

Arab reporters said the victim

was Hammad Hamdan and that

he had been accused of organis-

ing the sale of Arah lands,

tion, doctors said

Palestinian dialogue.

ended the 1967 war.

The confrontation with the 50

women activists came on the

anniversary of the ceasefire that

Police intervened but were un-

able to stop members of the

hardline groups from pulling

down some of the women's peace

neighbourhood told police the

Police said they found the body

lapsed in March.

Arabs urge U.S. to tie aid to Israel with peace efforts

NICOSIA (Agencies) - Arab concept of peace with Israel distration to be any aid to Israel to the Jewish state's cooperation

with Middle East peace moves. A text of the letter, handed last Monday to Robert Pelletrean, U.S. ambassador in Tunis where the Arab League is headquartered, was made available to the Associated Press in Cyprus Satur-

The Arab countries expect the United States to make a link between aid extended to Israel and Israel's cooperation with peace efforts. Such a step would restore credibility to the U.S. Middle East policy and start a new era in the history of Arab-American relations," the letter

The letter also called on the United States to adopt "practical steps" to keep Israel from using U.S. aid to set up new settlements for Soviet Jewish emigrants in the occupied territories.
The Arab League letter,

more Israeli repression drafted on instructions from the Arab summit meeting in Baghdad May 28-30, was in answer to a letter to the summit by the administration of President George that the Labour Party imposed

The U.S. letter called on the Arab leaders to avoid criticism of the United States and endorse the

leaders have sent an official letter through direct negotiations incalling on the United States admi- stead of an immediate internaponal peae conference.

> The Arab reply said criticism of the United States could be stopped "if the United States first dropped its totally biased policy towards Israel."

"How is it possible to tackle the Palestinian problem and the Israeli rejection of international peace efforts without a mention of the role of the United States which blocks international condemnation and punishment of Israel by an almost regular use of

the veto power," the letter said. Most recently the United States vetoed a U.N. Security Council resolution calling for an observer mission to Israel to look into the treatment of Palestinians in the occupied territories.

The Arab letter called again for convening of an international peace conference on the Middle East and asked the United States as a superpower and Security Council member to suport "this serious drive to establish peace."

The Arab plicy would trade peace and recognition for land, with Israel giving up the occupied territories so a Palestinian state could be set up. Israel has refused such a deal.

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Hrawi said to have failed to obtain arms from Arabs

TUNIS (Agencies) — Libanese President Elias Hrawi has failed in efforts to obtain arms during a three-country tour of North Africa sources in the president's delegation said Saturday.

Hrawi is in Tunis for talks with Arab League Secretary General Chadli Klibi and President Zine Al Abidine Ben Ali after visits to Libya and Egypt.

Also Saturday, reports said a The sources said Cairo, heavily 14-year-old boy was shot in the reliant on Washington for arms, back in clashes with soldiers in the West Bank village of Nazlat cited U.S. opposition to weapons Al Gharbiya. The youth was brought to the Tulkarum hospital shipments to Lebanon in declining to provide Hrawi with militand was listed in moderate condi-

Libya was willing to provide arms only to a "national" In Jerusalem, Friday, Israeli "women in black" peace activists Lebanese army and wanted assurwere pushed and shoved by hardances they would not be turned against Palestinians, the sources liners who oppose their weekly silent vigils for an Israeli-

Hrawi, seeking to extend his authority ontside Syriancontrolled west Beirut, controls only Muslim-based brigades of

the Lebanese army. General Michel Aoun, who disputed the legitimacy of Hrawi's election under Syrian auspices last November, commands mainly Christian units from his

hase in east Beirut. Lebanese ministerial sources

said it would cost \$492 million to re-equip the Lebanese army into a force capable of disarming the plethora of private militias which have sprung up over the last 15 years of civil war and foreign intervention.

The Arab diplomats said Hrawi would ask President Ben Ali for more diplomatic support through the Arab League, the United Nations, the Organisation of Islamic Conference and other interna-

tional bodies. Tunisia is not in a position to help the Lebanese government

Shamir said Saturday his with arms or money. new government's message to Arab states is that they should Klibi siad after talks with Hrawi Saturday that the Lebanese talk peace with Israel. president was satisfied with a "I think that the Arab World decision at the Baghdad Arab will have to decide... to sit down summit to create, special fund for and negotiate with Israel about

The Arab League secretary general briefed Hrawi on the summit because the Lebanese leader followed Syria's example in boycotting the meeting last

Lebanese reconstruction.

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two national anniversaries AMMAN (J.T.) — Jordan Revolt, King Abdullah re-Sunday celebrates the Great Arab Revolt and Army Day anniversaries commemorating the endeavours of the leaders of the Great Arab Revolt and their armed forces in their

unity and independence for the Arab Nation. A statement carried by the Jordan News Agency, Petra, said the revolt, led by Sharif Hussein Ibn Ali, broke out in 1916 to bring liberation and freedom for all Arabs from oionial rule.

struggle to achieve liberation,

The statement paid tribute to the sacrifices made hy the Hashemite leaders towards national causes in general and Palestine in particular and said these leaders continued the struggle regardless of the arbitrary measures of the then British colonial rule.

It said that the late King Abdullah Ibn Al Hussein was able to save large parts of Palestine and East Jordan from British-Ziouist plans for the implementation of the Balfour Declaration.

In the commitment to the principles of the Great Arab

Bush sees

OMAHA, Nebraska (Agencies)

- U.S. President George Bush

has called Israel's forming of a

new right-wing government an internal matter for the Israelis,

but he said U.S. policy towards

Arab-Israeli peace talks would

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak

Shamir Friday formed the most

right-wing government in Israeli

history. Its cabinet is expected to

be dominated by opponents of

Bush, who flew to Omaha,

Nebraska, from Des Moines,

Iowa, told reporters on the plane

the new Israeli government was

an internal matter for Israel."

with its government, and I'll work

with whomever that country puts

forward as their government. But

they know the policy of the Un-

ited States on peace talks. U.S.

policy is firm. We want the peace

Bush said that he had discussed

the Middle East peace process

earlier in the day in a telephone

conversation with Egyptian Presi-

dent Hosni Mubarak. "Both of us

are still committed to getting the peace talks going forward," he

He expressed some pessimism

about the progress of peace

efforts. "Every time you get

something started, there seems to

be some outbreak," Bush said.
"I'm still outraged by the hold-

ing of U.S. hostages. I have this on my mind all the time. All of

those things have a way of coming.

Cairo Television said Bush in-

tiated the phone call after receiv-

ing a message from Mubarak

delivered through the "hot line"

between the two countries Friday

It said the phone conversation

asted for about 15 minutes but,

the conditions for peace," Shamir

said on an interview broadcast on

Shamir said that "this govern-

ment represents a large number

of parties inside our political

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did not provide any details.

together.'

afternoon.

Israel Radio.

talks to begin," he said.

"Israel can do what it wants

peace talks with Palestinians.

no shift

in U.S.

policy

stay the same.

sponded to the will and desires of the peoples on both banks of the River Jordan for unity, thus taking an important step towards an nverall nnity among Arab states, the state-

It said that the East-West Bank unity of 1950 serves as an example to other Arab states and constituted a nucleus for pan-Arab unity. The Great Arab Revolt's principles, the statement said, serve as a course of action for Arabs seeking too pool their resources and their potential to enhance Arab solidarity.

It said that the Jordanian Armed Forces would continue to serve as a shield, protecting the Arab Nation from aggression and from external dan-

Petra said that the formation of the People's Army in Jordan was another measure intended to enhance the country's defence capabilities. On the Great Arab Revolt

and Army Day all government departments and public institutions remain closed.

Higher Council to rule

who is empowered to

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Lower House of Parliament Saturday held the second meeting of its current extraordinary session and focused its attention on a temporary law on the higher court of justice as referred to it by the Legal Committee and the question of terminating the services of Audit Bureau Chief Hashem Al Dabbas.

eighth article of the bigher court of justice law but decided to refer the ninth article to Minister of Justice Yousef Mbeideen and the chairman of the Legal Committee. However, the question of

part.

for retiring Dahbas, the prime House of Parliament He said that the andit breau

chief's mandate cannot be terminated, and he cannot be transferred to another position

retire audit bureau chief or retired nor can any penalout the approval of the Lower

The House endorsed the

retiring Dahbas was referred to the Higher Council for the interpretation of the Constitution. The move was taken foltowing a debate in which Prime Minister Mudar Badran and at least one deputy took In referring to the motion

minister drew the House's attention to the Fifth Article of the Audit Bureau Law which states that its chief is appointed by a Royal Decree upon recommendation from the Cabinet and the decision is usually conveyed to the Lower

ties be imposed on him with-House of Parliament, if it is in session, or with the King's approval upon a recommendation by the Council of Ministers should the House be in

Badran said Article 119 of the Constitution states that the audit bureau is established to monitor the state's revenues and expenditure. The law stipulates also that the audit bureau chief should submit to Parliament a general report including violations if any but that the bureau chief should enjoy immunity, he noted. Therefore, the prime minister said, retiring requires the House's approval since the

House is now in session. But Deputy Hussein Mjalli countered by reminding the House that no topic could be discussed in the session except for those items included in the Royal Decree which summoned the House to convene as of the beginning of June.

To avoid a deadlock, the House decided that the issue be referred to the Higher Council for the interpretation of the Constitution.

At the end of the session. House Speaker Suleiman Arar announced that the next meeting will be held Saturday.

On the Occasion of the Annivrsary of The Great Arab Revolt and Army Day



has the honour to convey to

Majesty king hussein

and the Jordanian People its felicitations and best wishes.

Arab media see new Israeli cabinet pushing region to war

NICOSIA (R) — Arab commentators said Saturday the formation of the most right-wing government in Israel's history was pushing the Middle East towards

-The PLO called it a "war on the Arab Nation. Praising cabinet" and the United States came under attack over its support for Israel.

"With the formation of a new government which includes the most extreme rightists who call for war, expulsion, expansion and colonialism, the situation in the Middle East is sliding towards more tension," said Jordan's Al Dustour newspaper.

"The Arab-Israeb conflict has quickly taken a path that leads only to war and instability." ::Sawt Al Sbaab, which often

reflects the views of the Jordanian government, also said the Middle East was heading for an explosion.

The Arab states must realise these dangers and brace for the ugly option of a new war imposed

peace does not mean dropping our weapons and burying our heads in the sand," it said.

Israel's Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir announced a new government Friday dominated by hawks advocating increased Jewish settlement in the occupied areas, scene of a 30-month-old Palestinian oprising against Israeli rule.

"It is a war cabinet, the worst in Israel's history, and represents the summit of fanaticism, intran-sigence and extremism," Salah Khaiaf, a top official of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), told Reuters in Tunis.

"We expect fresh massacres against the Palestinian people from this government," said Khalaf, also known as Abu Iyad in the PLO's mainstream Fateb

In Abu Dhabi, the United Arab Emirates semi-official newspaper Al Ittibad said:

While not dropping the olive branch, the Arab Nation should not forget the language of war because it is not through diploma-cy alone that liberation can be schieved."

"The present climate in Israel, reflected by the new cabinet pushes the region more and more to a state of war," the daily Oman wrote in an editorial.

Qatar's Al Raya newspaper said Arab efforts to regain territories occupied by Israel in the 1967 Arab-İsraeb war should not only focus on politics. "The winds of racial fanaticism

in the Zionist entity (Israel) haveeliminated any hope for a peaceful settlement," it said. Saudi Arabia's Okaz newspap-

er said the hardline cabinet meant more repression against Palestinians "who will be expelled from their lands to be replaced by

Israel expects up to 250,000 Soviet Jews this year and the Jewish agency says 1.1 million Soviet Jews bad received immigration visas.

Arabs fear many will settle in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, home for some 1.75 million Palestinians.

Most papers blamed the United States, Israel's main ally, for the bardline policy as outlined by the new cabinet.

"The United States, which goes along with Israeli extremism, covers up its ngly crimes and supplies it with the means of oppression, terrorism and expansion, is responsible for this change that will push the Middle East, with all the weapons of mass destruction it bas, into a new confrontation," Al Dustour

Bahrain's Al Adwa newspaper, referring to "the drums of war" asked if reason was still applicable in dealing with U.S. pobcy.

PLF plans

attacks

gliders.

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against Israel.

on Israel

hang glider

AMMAN (R) — A Palestinian

guerrilla leader whose group tried

to raid Israel by sea last month

plans to attack again, using hang

In an interview published

Saturday by the Jordanian daily

Sawt Al Sbaab, Mahmoud Abbas

said bis Palestine Liberation

Front (PLF) would keep up what

he called the armed struggle

out by hang gliders and will cover

many sectors... the coast, the

interior, the north and the

south," Abu Abbas, nom de

guerre of Abbas, was quoted as

Sawt Al Shaab did not say

when or where the interview took

A powered hang glider was

used in November 1987 in one of

the most lethal guerrilla attacks

A solitary member of the

Popular Front for the Liberation

of Palestine-General Command

penetrated Israel from Lebanon

and killed six Israeli soldiers be-

fore being shot dead by one of

more than half a dozen wounded

on the Jewish state.

'The next attack will be carried

Iran looks for ways out of Khomeini's legacy

By Eric Hall

TAHRAN - Iran's renewed demand for the death of British author Salman Rushdie underlines bow the late Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeni's legacy overshadows government efforts to open up foreign policy.

Iranian political analysts say the need to refer constantly to Khomeini's ideas and principles is a major obstacle to better relations with the West and the Soviet Union.

"The government has to be able to say that it is staying within the path set by Khomeini," a

Western diplomat said. Khomeini, the spiritual leader who headed the Islamic revolution that toppled the Shah in 1979, died last June, leaving a legacy of extreme antagonism towards the United States which be always called the "great Satan".

from the West was demeaning and anti-Islamic. Islam should be the guiding force of all policy. The government's room for manoenvre is limited for two reasons, Western and Iranian

analysts say. First, because its

He preached that taking aid

authority rests on the awe and respect Khomeini still inspires. Second, as soon as it even appears to deviate from these principles, the radical Islamic revolutionaries who form a kind of opposition within parliament as well as many traditional, less

worldly Muslim elerics cry Khomeini's legacy is being pol-In Britain's case, Khomeini's 1989 death decree against Rushdie for blaspheming Islam in his book (the Satanic Verses) typifies how this legacy overshadows cur-

rent policies, diplomats say.

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The government of President Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani has several times tried to separate the political and religious aspects of the Rushdi problem, insisting that if London simply makes it clear it condemns the insult to Islam, then better relations are possible.

On Saturday, top Foreign Minstry official Hossein Musavian repeated this position while saying Khomeini's religiously inspired decree could not be lifted.

Part of the Western media took this to mean Iran might be willing to drop the decree. This hint Iran might stray from Khomeini's path caused a political earthquake in

The tremors ended Tuesday when Khomeini's successor as supreme religious leader, Ayatol-lah Ali Khamenei, said the decree would never be lifted and Rushdie should be handed to British Mushims for execution.

The need to refer to Khomeini has created situations in which analysts are left scratching their heads and trying to remember exactly what he did say, or did

Relations with the Soviet Union bave also followed an erratic

Just before be died, Khomeini sent a letter to President Mikhail Gorbachev, opening a new line of communication with a country be had always called the "second great Satan.'

After Khomeini died, Rafsanani quickly flew to Moscow to mend pobtical ties and sign broad

economic agreements. "He could not have done that without Khomeini's letter," a diplomat in Tehran said."

ethnic and religious unrest in the mainly Muslim republics of the southern Soviet Union, Iran issued several statements criticising Moscow, supporting the Islamie nature of the unrest and generally undrunining some of the

progress made in developing ties. Tehran steps most carefully in moves towards the United States. Iranian officials say Washington made it more difficult by not responding to Iranian overtures, such as recent mediation that secured the release of two Amer-

ican hostages in Lebanon. Inside Iran, the govrnment is still testing the political climate. Just after one U.S. hostage was released, a senoir Iranian legal official suggested in a newspaper article direct talks with Washington would not be a totally bad

Khamenei swiftly replied that anyone saying that must be mad, or naive. But he then apologised, saving be did not mean the official was mad.

Rafsanjani finally said there were to be no direct talks for now. Diplomats said that in the convoluted world of Iranian politics, this indicated the climate was not as cold as it might be.

Traces of arsenic found in **#ormer hostage's system**

BOSTON (AP) — High levels of normal, believe me," Woolf said. the poison arsenic were found in treed bostage Frank Reed shortly after his return to the United States from Lebanon, hospital officials said Friday.

. -Reed, 57, has been undergoing treatment at a military hospital since shortly after his release on April 30. He spent 44 months as a captive of pro-Iranian Sbi'ite Muslim extremists.

Sixteen Westerners are still missing and believed held hostage in Lebanon. They include six Americans, four Britons, two West Germans, two Swiss, an Italian and an Irishman.

The arsenic showed up in a routine test by doctors treating Reed at Malcolm Grow Medical Centre a hosptial at Andrews Air

Force Base outside Washington. "These tests were performed on Mr Reed's arrival. The initial test for arsenic was positive. Subsequent tests confirmed this exposure to arsenic and its elimination to a non-toxic level," the

Reed's arsenic levels were abnormally high, according to Reed's attorney, Bob Woolf. "This was beyond what was

WASHINGTON (AP) — A

Greek leader has called on the

United States to pressure Turkey

to withdraw its troops from Cyp-

rus, calling the military presence

a "blot on the reputation" of the

. Greek Prime Minister Con-

stantine Mitsotakis made the

comments in Washington during

a visit in which be met Wednes-

day with President George Bush.

The talks at the White House

were the first by a Greek leader

Mitsotakis also pledged that his

newly elected New Democracy

Party would rid his nation of

anti-American terrorism, which

had continued during the pre-

vious Socialist government of

"My government intends to

end the friction in relations with

Washington that was evident dur-

ing the eight years of Socialist

U.S. officials say relations with

Greece bave already improved

rule in Greece," be said.

Andreas Papandreou.

NATO defence alliance.

in 26 years.

Woolf declined to comment on the possible source of the arsenic. He said some of the poison bad been eliminated from Reed's

body since he began medical treatment, but traces remained. "It's not completely out of his system, but now it's at a control-

led, non-toxic level," Woolf said. Peggy Say, sister of hostage Terry Anderson, said she was appalled by the news - and worried about what it might

"I was absolutely sickened at the thought that one can assume that if Frank Reed bad serious amounts of arsenic in his system. that this would also hold true for the other hostages," Ms. Say said

by telephone. Anderson, chief Middle East correspondent for the Associated Press, was taken hostage March 16, 1985. Reed has said be was held with Anderson for a time.

"If the arsenic poisoning is deliberate, it is the worst kind of barbarism," Ms. Say said. "If it is not deliberate, they are apparently living in conditions in which their surroundings are putting this arsenic into their systems. Either way, it is an extremely

Greece urges U.S. to push for

Turkish pullout from Cyprus

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troops on the Mediterranean is-

land a continuing "blot" against

"the entire Western alliance" fol-

lowing the Soviet pullout from

Afghanistan and South Africa's

He delivered the message to

Busb and other U.S. leaders.

Later be addressed members of

the Greek communityat a Nation-

al Press Club luncheon before

Turkey invaded the Mediterra-

nean island in 1974 in what it

called a move to protect the

Cypriot Turkish community from

the Greek majority, and Cyprus

has been partitioned since - with

a U.N. force keeping the peace.
"The members of NATO, and

especially the United States, can

do much to end the Cyprus crisis

and the time is now," Mitsotakis

U.N. efforts begun last year to

start peace talks between the

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Mitsotakis called the Turkish

tive prime minister last April.

An expert at the Massachusetts Poison Centre said trace amounts of arsenic could get into a person's system from water and food, especially seafood. In addition to being a poison, arsenic is used in wood preservatives, pesticides and some other products.

The attorney said Reed was surprised to learn of the "It was a little shocking and

frightening for him," Woolf said. This was serious and totally unexpected. He added that it was unclear

bow the poison would affect

Reed's long-term health. Reed was gaunt and weak after his 'We still don't know what all the ramifications are," Woolf said, "But be seems to be coming

along fine. He's gaining weight and I'm hopeful he'll be released in a few weeks." Reed was the director of the private Lebanese International School in Beirut when be was abducted in 1986. After his release, he said he had been beaten

when he tried to escape and was chained and blindfolded for months at a time.

sides have failed to progress.

The United States has refused

to involve itself in the dispute

between Greece and Turkey,

both members of the 16-nation

North Atlantic Treaty Organisa-

tion (NATO), preferring to let

But Bush discussed the issue at

a White House luncheon this

week with U.N. Secretary Gener-

Meanwhile, the Greek premier

said his government would decide

before October whether to extra-

dite Mohammad Rashid, a

Palestinian wanted by the United

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The case had been stalled by

"In any case, we will never let

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in the attack. The PLF, a small faction of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), is based in Baghdad. It used two one-man hang gliders in an unsuccessful attack on Israel from South Lebanon in 1981.

States for a PLF hijacking of the Italian cruise ship Achille Lauro in 1985. Abbas said the seaborne raid on Israel last month was the start

Abbas is wanted in the United

of military action to complement a 30-month-old Palestinian uprising in the Isralei-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. Isacli troops foiled the attack.

killing four guerrillas and capturing 12. There were no Israeli casualties.

The PLF says the target was a beach resort for Israeli officers. The raid brought renewed calls from Israel for Washington to end its dialogue with the PLO, which began after PLO leader Yasser Arafat renounced terrorism in December 1988.

Arafat has dissociated himself from the PLF attack, but has not condemned it, contrary to American and European advice.

Saudi Arabia opposes early action on greenhouse gases

GENEVA (R) — Sandi Arabia, the world's largest oil exporter, has emerged as a formidable opponent of early action to arrest the greenhouse effect, environmentalists say.

The Saudis, who would stand to lose in the short term if the world cut oil consumption to try to slow global warming, raised repeated objections at U.N. negotiations in Geneva this week on the greenhouse effect. the ecologists said.

"They are raising objections at every single point," said one British environmentalist observing a working group meeting, which was asked to recommend a plan of action to the Intergovernmental Panel on

Climate Change (IPCC). The environmentalists said Saudi Arabia, which in previous meetings bad not put up obstacles, had effectively formed an unlikely alliance with the United States, China and the Soviet Union in resisting early reduction goals for

greenhouse gases. "Just when the science on it more difficult. warming and tions have become firmer, the political resolve to take appropriate action has weakened in some quarters," commented observer Panl Hohnen of the Greenpeace

organisation. Delegates said European and other nations had urged that negotiations begin soon on protocols, or diplomatic agreements, to reduce specific greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide and methane. Burning of oil, gas and coal produces

carbon dioxide. Such gases trap the Earth's heat like greenhouse glass when they soar to the upper atmosphere, with the consequent risk of major flooding as oceans' rise. Rainfall and crop yields could change disastrously.

The Sandi, American, Chinese and Soviet delegations deciding on early negotiations on protocols.

Instead, the working group decided more vaguely that the time and form of such negotiations, if any, should be decided by the U.N. General Assembly, delegates said. The IPCC's working group

on science has said the world should cut its output of carbon dioxide by up to 80 per cent, but the strategies working group in Geneva did not make any such strong recommenda-

The science group predicted that if no action were taken the global climate would rise by 0.3 degrees Celsius (0.54 degree Fahrenheit) every decade for the next century.

The Geneva meeting demonstrated how difficult it will be to obtain eventual agreement on global action. Oil exporters might not in the

end be able to block such action on their own, but ecologists said they were already making

China wanted to protect their right to promote economic development which often entails the emission of carbon dioxide and other gases. They are by no means unani-

mous. Countries like low-lying Bangladesh and the Maldives will be partly or totally flooded if the polar icecaps melt, and others are aware of the dangers of sections of their countries becoming dustbowls.

The Bush administration has argued that more scientifie proof of the greenhouse effect is needed before costly measures are taken.

Neverthless, it has issued an invitation for some time next year for the negotiation of an overall framework agreement on climate change to which specifie protocols would be

Tunisia democracy stalled by opposition poll boycott

process launched two years ago by Tunisian President Zine Al Abidine Ibn Ali appears stalled with all opposition groups boycotting municipal elections due Sunday

During the electoral campaign, state television has been calling on voters to choose their representatives, but in 228 out of 245 municipalities only the ruling party is fielding candidates.

In the other 17 municipalities, voters have a choice between candidates of the ruling Constitutional Democratic Assembly (RCD) and independents most of whom are defectors from the

Political analysts say the size of the turnout and number of abstentions will indicate the RCD's ability to mobilise voters. "Voting is a right but also a

duty. Failure to do-one's duty shows lack of civil and patriotic spirit," said Mustapha Booaziz, minister of state domains, at an election rally Friday. . . . Six legal opposition parties and

the Nahdha Islamic fundamentalist group, which is not officially lonsed, announced a poventt although they took part in last year's legislative elections.

The RCD won all the seats in parliament in the April 1989 elections. The opposition charged

TUNIS (R) - The democratic there were irregularities and complained that the RCD dominated the administration which organised the poll.

They say there are insufficient democratic guarantees in the municipal polls, and their boycott is also a protest against delays in

The government says it has reformed the voting system to en-able opposition candidates to win seats on municipal councils and the boycott is merely intended to hide the opposition's weakness.

"The opposition prefers to dodge the issue due to lack of confidence in its supporters and fear of responsibility, and to make believe that non-voters are their's," said Ahmad Khaled, cul-

speech Thursday. tive vexations" which prevented them campaigning properly.

In Rades, a suburb of Tunis, independent Soutiane Ibn Hamida said he was withdrawing because of the vexations. In Monastir in the south an ex-RCD group led by Ahmad Jemmah siad it was

2 explosions reported in Somali presidential palace

MOGADISHU (R) - Two powerful explosions ripped through the palace compound of Somali President Mohammad Siad Barre Friday night, the president's press secretary said Saturday.

Government officials and di-

A local report said the exploshells already in the compound, could be beard several kilometres

the Horn of Africa, has been torn by economic and social problems but a new government appointed in February said it would try to end its multiple internal conflicts. Several rebel groups have been trying to overthrow Siad Barre

or damage.

gion of neighbouring Ethiopia, an area mainly inhabited by ethnic Somalis. Friday night's explosions came two weeks after a powerful device exploded inside the U.S. embassy compound but according to U.S. officials there were no casualties

since the 1978 Ogaden war when

Somalia attacked the Ogaden re-

Police are still investigating that explosion, for which no one has claimed responsibility.

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The RCD plans to discipline defectors and expel them from the party.

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Ahmad Hassan Awke said on state radio that the explosions were accidental and that an investigation was under way. He gave no further details of damage or casualtics.

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Prime Minister Mudar Badran Saturday receives Chinese Defence Minister Qin Jiwei and panying delegation (Petra photo)

China backs Palestinians' struggle

AMMAN (J.T.) - China's Defence Minister Qin Jiwei said here Saturday that his country supports the Jordanian government's endeavours to achieve a just and durbale settlement to the

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Arab-Israeli conflict. people to regain their legitimate rights, the minister said at a

Qin, who arrived in Amman on Friday, said his country backs efforts for a just, lasting and comprehensive settlement of the Middle East conflict.

Badran thanked China for its China also fully supports the support and backing of Arah struggle of the Palestinian Arab efforts to reach a lasting peace efforts to reach a lasting peace" and reiterated Jordan's call for a settlement through an internameeting with Prime Minister tional peace conference which

cerned parties including the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian

The Prime Minister said that Israel's intransigent position and the creation of settlements in the occupied Arab lands continue to obstruct the peace process.

King pays tribute to Armed Forces

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein Saturday sent a cable to Armed Forces Chief of Staff General Fathi Abu Taleb thanking him for a cable of congratulations on the occasion of Army Day and the Great Arab Revolt anniversary.

King Hussein said in his cable that "this occasion is a reminder of

the greate duty Jordan is shouldering."

King Husseln asked Abu Taleb to convey his greetings to every member of the Armed Forces. "I hope you convey to all of them that they are a source of national pride for the people, and that they are on the advanced position of defending our existence and national

He added that the Armed Forces will remain "with their courageous stand in the heart of (King) Al Hussein and every mism as the defenders of the fabrics of our national unity, our security and future and the Arab Order."

Pharmaceuticals aim for common market

AMMAN (Petra) — Amman will host a three-day meeting organised by the Arab federation of producers of drugs and medical appliances which will begin in Amman on June 18 under the patronage of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan.

The question of forming an Arab common market for pharmaceutical products will be the main theme of the meeting which will be attended by delegates from 10 Arab countries.

Delegates representing pharnaceutical industries in the Arab World and specialised agencies will also take part in the meeting.

The federation, which was established by a decision from the Arab health ministers in 1986, is affiliated to the Council of Arab Economie Unity (CAEU).

It aims at ensuring medicine marketing for the Arab World through creating an Arab common market of drugs and medical appliances.

The announcement, by the Amman-based federation, came after a meeting by another CAEU-affiliated agency which concluded a general assembly meeting in Amman last Thursday.



KING MEETS AFP CHIEF: His Majesty King Hussein Saturday receives at Al Nadwa Palace Clande Moisy, chairman of the board of directors of Agence France Presse, and the agency's Middle East regional directors. The group discussed with King Hussein most prominent Arab

and international issues. The meeting was attended by Royal Court Chief Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker and the King's Political Advisor Adnan Abu Odeh Over the past few days Moisy had presided over a meeting of AFP bureau chiefs in the area.

Soviet-Arab dialogue highly successful, participants report

MOSCOW (Petra) — A Soviet- to an independent state of their Arah dialogue held last week in the Soviet capital constituted a successful channel of communications between the Arab Nation and the Soviet Union towards building common ground for cooperation in all matters of concern to the two sides, according to Upper House of Parliament member Laila Sharaf.

Soviet Jewish immigration to srael was at the top of the agenda for the discussions, which covered a wide range of subjects of interest to the two sides, said Sharaf, who took part in the dialogue.

The Soviet Union welcomes all nitiatives to help settle Jewish emigres in Europe, Australia, the United States and Canada and calls for speeding np efforts to find a lasting settlement to the Arab-Israeli conflict that can ensure the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people and their right

By Mariam M. Shahin

Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - Quashing wide-

spread speculation that orga-

nised Islamists were on a win-

ning streak in regional and local

council elections, political liberals and pan-Arabists have se-

cured five seats in the nine-

member municipal council in

Ruseifeh, leaving two Islamist

blocs with two each of the

The non-Islamist winners

represented a "Labour Bloc" of

centrist-liberals who secured

two seats and a pan-Arabist

Populist Bloc which won three.

A "National Reform Bloc" did

not win any seats at all in the

elections, which were con-

ducted Thursday and Friday in

Ruseifeh, which lies northeast of

It was widely expected that

Islamists would put up a strong

showing in the elections, parti-

cularly after protests last month

showed an increasing growth of Islamic fundamentalism in the

city, which witnessed attacks on

banks and restaurants serving

alcohol in violence which fol-

lowed demonstrations against

the massacre of eight Palesti-

nians by an Israeli gunman near

According to residents of the

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own in their homeland, Sharaf said following the final session.

She said that the Soviet Union adopts a very clear stand with regard to Jewish immigrants. Moscow wants them to be settled away from the Israeli-occupied territories and wants international guarantees to this effect, she said. It also wants U.N. observer teams to ensure that this is done and the Security Council to take the initiative of reaffirming the Palestinian people's rights in their homeland, Sharaf added.

munique issued in Moscow supported a proposal of placing the occupied Arab territories under international supervision pending a lasting settlement to the Arab-Israeli conflict.

She said that the final com-

In the final communique, the called on the Arab states to in- que.

Pan-Arabists, liberals take lion's

Soviet Union and reaffirmed bilateral cooperation in resolving regional conflicts. Sharaf said. Another Jordanian participant

in the dialogue, Dr. Jawad Al Anani, said the meeting, the third of its kind to be organised by the Arab Thought Forum in cooperation with organisations in the Soviet Union, said last month's extraordinary Arab summit has had its positive effect on the Soviet Union's stand with regard to Jewish immigration.

According to the final comnunique issued in Moscow, a total of 15 working papers were discussed by 50 prominent Soviet and Arab scholars, politicians, businessmen and statesmen.

The two sides reviewed democratic changes in the Soviet Union, Arab-Soviet economic cooperation, Soviet Jewish immigration to Palestine and mass des-Soviet Union stressed the import-truction weapons among other ance of Arab-Soviet cooperation, issues, according to the communi-

France assists Jordan in telecommunications

AMMAN (Petra) - Jordan, seminar which was organised by together with other developing nations of the world, receive French assistance in telecommunication services and equipment designed to help transfer modern technology in this field, French Ambassador to Jordan Donis Bauchard said Saturday.

The ambassador, who was addressing the opening session of a three-week training seminar for participants from six Arab countries, voiced satisfaction with the level of Jordanian-French cooperation in technical training. The present training seminar, he said, is the result of bilateral coopera-

Participants from Jordan, Yemen, Egypt, Iraq, Syria and Lebanon are taking part in the the telecommunications anthorities in Jordan and France, and the Jordan Radio and Television

The 17 trainees will attend lectures and conduct theoretical and practical work in the field of telecommunications as related to work in television transmission and telephone communications. Telecommunications Corpora-

tion (TCC) Director-General Mohammad Shahid Ismail, who addressed the opening session, said that the present seminar was an opportunity not only for training but also for an exchange of expertise and ideas among the participants with a view to promoting telecommunications ser-

NATIONAL NEWS IN BRIEF

King congratulates Portugal

AMMAN (Petra) - His Majesty King Hussein Saturday sent a cable of congratulations to the Portuguese President Mario Suares in which he congratulated him in his name and on behalf of the Jordanian people on his country's national day. King Hussein wished Suares continued good health and happiness and the Portuguese people further progress and prosperity.

fragi minister congratulates Jordan

AMMAN (Petra) - Prime Minister Mudar Badran received Saturday a cable from Iraqi Minister of Defence Lieutenant-General Abdul Jabbar Shanshal in which he congratulated him in his name and on behalf of the Iraqi Armed Forces on the anniversary of the Jordanian Armed Forces and the Great Arab Revolt. Shanshal wished Badran continued good health and happiness and the Armed Forces further progress. Badran sent a reply cable to Shanshal expressing his thanks and appreciation.

Zarga seeks support for youth activities

ZARQA (Petra) - Managers of sports and cultural clubs and centres in Zarqa Saturday called for municipality's support. In a meeting with the chairman and members of the municipal council, the managers called for the municipality's care in youth affairs and called for establishing playgrounds and gymnasiums. Zarqa Mayor Yasser Al Omari expressed the municipality's readiness to serve the youth and support them.

70 stores closed down in Naour

NAOUR (Petra) - The Public Safety Committee in Naour district closed down 70 stores for not abiding by the public safety conditions, according to Naour Governor Naji Mahmoud. He added that the committee will continue its inspection tours in the district to guarantee that commodities are sold at the official prices.

Former minister dies

AMMAN (Petra) - Burhan Kamal, a former minister, passed away in Amman Satuday. Burhan has served as minister of transport and occupied a number of other important posts.

Pilgrim city ready in Maan

AMMAN (Petra) - The Maan Pilgrims City is now ready to receive pilgrims. The city is equipped with all facilities that pilgrims need and was enlarged in order to accommodate the yearly increasing number of pilgrims. Maan Municipality has assigned a number of its employees at Al Mudawwara border post near Maan to offer the necessary services to the pilgrims.

Jordan to chair Arab industry talks

AMMAN (Petra) - Jordan will chair meetings of the ministerial council of the Arab Industrial Development and Mining Organisa-tion to open in Cairo June 20. Jordan's delegation to the meetings will be headed by Minister of Industry and Trade Ziyad Fariz. The meetings are scheduled to discuss working papers dealing with the basis of preparing an Arab industrial coordination strategy and the means to promote industrial investment among Arab countries. The conference is also scheduled to discuss restructuring the organisation in the light of decisions taken by the Arab Economic and Social Council to merge the Arab Organisation for Mineral Resources, the Arab Industrial Development Organisation and the Arab Organisation for Specifications to constitute the Arab Industrial Development and Mining Organisation to be based in

and the second


AIR LINK WITH INDONESIA: Jordan and Indonesia Saturday opened talks prior to signing an agreement that would enable Royal Jordanian (RJ) and the Indonesian Airlines to open direct air transport routes between Amman and Jakarta. Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) officials said teams from the two sides were conducting talks for an initial agreement to be later officially approved and signed. Last year

operate joint flights using RJ aircraft. The decision to open direct flights between Amman and Jakarta was taken during His Majesty King Husseln's visit to Indonesia in 1986. CAA Director-General Malumoud Balqaz is leading the Jordanian team to the talks expected to last two

More efficient banking systems can help investments-Jardaneh

more developed and advanced banking and financial systems that can contribute to meaningful investments and the development process in the Arab World.

The Arab banking and financial systems should pioneer the process of development and should be backed by proper leg-islations to do their work," Minister of Finance Basel Jardaneh said in his opening address to a five-day symposium on "frauds and violations in banking" which opened Saturday at the Ammanbased Arab Institute for Banking

Studies (AIBS).
"Gertain Arab countries have a surplus of funds which they wish to invest in the Arab World, but they require an efficient banking system that can help them do that," said Jardaneh, who deputised for Prime Minister Mudar

socio-economic development," the minister added.

AIBS Director-General Abdul Aziz Al Saggaf said that in order to protect funds entrusted in banks, a strict system should be imposed to prevent any wrong decisions and mismanagement that could be detrimental to the banks operations and public funds. 'Frauds and violations in banking came about as a result of lack of proper control and supervisory systems as well as centralisation, he added.

AIBS had commissioned experts to prepare detailed studies on what impound to each of the four banking mismanagement cases in the Arab World to bring out as much information as possi-

Saggaf said he was hoping that the studies would help clarify how and why each of the cases was "Indeed the banking and finan- allowed to happen and what role

WHAT'S GOING ON

The following listings are compiled from monthly bulletins and

the daily Arabic press. Readers are advised to verify the listed

EXHIBITIONS

Exhibition of paintings depicting the Jordanian environment by Adel Al Sharaa, Mohammad Assad and Hani Khaza'leh at the Housing Bank Art Gallery.

* Art exhibition by Rafiq Al Laham at the Royal Cultural Centre.

TURKISH FILM WEEK

* Feature film entitled "Hurmanz with Seven Husbands" at the

time and place with the concerned institutions.

Royal Cultural Centre - 8:00 p.m.

AMMAN (J.T.) — Jordan Satur-day called for the creation of cial operations constitute the cor-nerstone in matters related to ternal control departments playnerstone in matters related to ternal control departments played and should have played. The four cases are those of Souk Al Manakh in Kuwait, Al Rayvan and other Islamic and the

Almashrek Bank in Oatar. Saggaf said it was also important that the Arab World introduce a system of handling such issues that often occur in all financial systems and which must be treated openly and settled responsibly.

Central Bank of Jordan (CBJ) Governor Mohammad Said Nabulsi delivered a speech at the first session dwelling on bank france and wholestorn and were to deal with them. At least 10 working papers will be reviewed by the 81 delegates from Jordan and 12 other Arab countries. AIBS, which was estblished in Amman in January 1989, is organising the symposium with the Union of Arab Banks (UAB).

Bush

(Continued from page 1)

community... this government represents the majority."

"We have proposed many times to the Arab World many peace proposals. We propose it again," be said.

Bush also said Friday be was considering breaking off talks with the PLO after a thwarted Palestinian attack on an Israeli

Bush called on Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) leader Yasser Arafat to publicly renounce the attack and suggested the continuation of U.S.-PLO contacts depended on Ara-

"Our dialogue is predicated on a renunciation of terror. In my view, this was sheer terror," Bush

city, the violence was instigated by an underground Islamic group which has adopted a self-

in science RAMTHA (Petra) - The Jordan University of Science and Technology (JUST) and the Iraqi Saladdin University have concluded an agreement designed to launch cooperation and coordination in scientific and cultural

The agreement covers an ex-change of expertise and staff, joint research and supervising higher studies.

fields.

It also covers joint scientific seminars and conferences, publishing scientific research and articles, exchanging visits by students with the aim of encouraging scientific, social and sports activistyled name of "Islamic liberation party." The group is said to advocate strict implementation of Islamic laws and reportedly favours use of force to achieve this objective. Officials had expressed con-

cern that this group might have a strong power base in Ruseifeb, but the results of the municipal elections proved that the apprehension was at least partially unfounded.

Only 50.4 per cent of Ruseifeh's eligible electorate exercised their right to vote despite a 24-hour extension of the polling process. In addition, the fact that Islamists were grouped in two blocs also appeared to have undermined their chances in the elections.

According to several residents of the city, last month's violence has instilled fear among the population that hardline could consolidate itself if given power through the municipality

"We are indeed Muslims and believe Islam should play a role in government and the Constitution, but we will not condone violence of the type we saw last month," said a Ruseifeb voter, who spoke to the Jordan Times on condition of anonymity. "If we want breweries to be sbut down, we can bave done through legal means if enough people agree." The last municipal council

share of Ruseifeh municipal seats election Ruseifeh had seen was seven years ago and people were appealed to have been encouraged by the Kingdom's parliamentary elections last November to campaign "a fa Amman style." The campaign was thus costly for many of the

candidates. Most of Ruseifeh residents are employed by local industries located in the area, and are thought to be politically conservative. But locals who predicted that the municipality's large refugee population would result in a polarisation of the local council were proven correct.

"Ruseifeh turned out to be different from the other municipalities in voting in a more bberal council than expected. Maybe others will take the example to heart," concluded one public official.

The winners in the elections were: Musa Ali Saad (Labour Bloc) 4,046 votes; Dr. Majed Hatab (Iman Bloc) 2,690, Yousef Zaghloul (Islamic Labour Bloc) 2,358, Ahmad Issa Daher (Populist Bloc) 2,350, Ali Fahmawi (Iman Bloc) 2,346, Fawzi Khalifeh (Islamic Labour Bloc) 2,330, Abdul Rabim Al Ghadeer (Labour Bloc) 2,009, Khaled Massoud (Populist Bloc) 1,988, and Dr. Ali Antaki (Populist Bloc) 1.886.

ACC ministers of health Jordan, Iraq urge need for cooperation to cooperate

agreement signed by bealth nursing. ministers of the four countries.

The meeting, held at the level of secretaries-general of health ministries in Jordan, Iraq, Yemen and Egypt, will deal with medical and health services, integration in pharmaceutical production, conducting joint drug imports and vaccines and unifying systems for the registration of drugs in the

four-member countries.

AMMAN (Petra) — The four- cooperation in joint research member Arab Cooperation work in drug production and Council (ACC) countries opened health collaboration, issuing puba two-day meeting in Amman lications and printed materials in Saturday to reach a formula for the implementation of a bealth by specialists and cooperation in

> The four officials will also explore ways for cooperation in combating contagious diseases and in training medical staff...

Dr. Adnan Abbasi, Ministry of Health secretary general, addressed the opening session in which he underlined the importance of cooperation in the field of health. The representatives of health According to Ministry of ministries in Iraq, Egypt and Ye-Health officials here, the four men also delivered speeches at officials will exchange views on the outset of the meeting.

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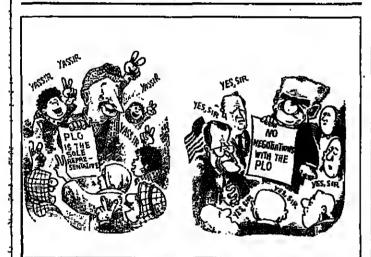
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Assurances do not change realities

NO AMOUNT of "guarantees" by Israel would change the impact and implications of massive Jewish immigration to that country. There are loud and clear restraints on any such offers of assurances, whether territorial, demographic and, above all, water resources. It is already projected that future Middle Eastern wars would be fought over water resources. That water is already scarce and barely sufficient for the needs of existing peoples of the region is a foregone conclusion long held by water experts. How then can any assurances given by Israel that bundreds of thousands of new Jewish immigrants would not pose any new dangers to the countries of the area be taken except with a grain of sait? The region's population is projected to increase by no less than three per cent annually and this by itself will tax the water problem to the limit. How then can an influx of hundreds of thousands of people to Israel be construed except as an added threat to the stability of the region?

In this vein, it will be recalled that the massive Jewish emigration to Palestine between the first and second world wars constituted the genesis of the Palestinian conflict in the first place. There is doubt that another wave of Jewish immigration would not only exacerbate the Arab-Israeli conflict but also effectively rule out any territorial compromise between the two sides. If Jewish immigration is to be tolerated within the context of a regional security arrangement that would include a final settlement of the Palestinian conflict in addition to a regional agreement on water resources, then and only then can new Jewish emigration be considered. But to allow the Israeli population to swell to five or six millions in the course of the coming few years would only make the outbreak of a major armed conflict in the Middle East an imminent development.



JORDAN PRESS EDITORIALS

AL RA'I Saturday echoed Prime Minister Mudar Badran's call on the international community to help pressure Israel into accepting peace and end its occupation of Arah lands. The paper referred to the prime minister's call for linking the ongoing Jewish immigration to Palestine to efforts to achieve a lasting settlement to the Arab-Israeli conflict and said that lip service can hy no means contribute to the establishment of real peace. The paper said that in his remarks to Reuters, the prime minister made a correct assessment of the present situation, pointing to the danger inherent in Israel's procrastination in implementing U.N. resolu-tions and its ongoing efforts to absorb large numbers of Jewish immigrants in occupied Palestine. Linking immigration to a settlement is a logical call on the part of the Arabs, and without such a move Israel will not be prompted by any way to accept peace bids and will not be persuaded to accept the call of reason, said the paper. The prime minister's statement, the paper noted, came at an opportune moment as the immigration continues to constitute a real and serious world problem and a source of danger to the whole Middle East region. The paper said that it was high time for the international community to exercise real pressure on Israel to force it to respond favourably to the call of peace and end its aggression in the region.

WITH THE creation of a new extremist Israeli government, the Middle East is bound to find itself delving into a new phase of tension, Al Dustour said in an editorial Saturday. The new government's expected behaviour is bound to escalate the Arab-Israeli conflict and lead the region into an allout war, the paper added. With elements like Shamir, Sharon and Eitan, in the new rightist government, no one can be optimistic about a peaceful prospect for the region, the paper said. The members of the new government are all mnrderers and extremists, bent on carrying out aggressive moves against the Arabs, and this is best manifested in the programmes of each one of the new ministers who all expressed their determination to quell the intifada and to pursue expansionist conflicts against the Arab countries, the paper said. This is the time for the Arab countries to put into practice all the Baghdad summit resolutions, and this is the moment for the Arab states to mobilise their efforts to meet the looming threats, said the paper.

Sawt Al Shaab said the minority government in Israel is going to be more extreme than any other in the history of the Jewish state. This fact prompted Western analysts to predict that the Arab region is heading towards a new war and towards further sufferings for the people of the region, the paper noted. Referring to the ongoing immigration process, the paper expressed the view that the new extremist government of Israel will do all it can to absorb as many immigrants from the 3.5 million Jews now living in the Soviet Union as possible and this will be cause enough to trigger tension that would lead to the expected conflict.

Sunday's Economic Pulse

A case for higher travel tax

FRESH statistics showed that the number of Jordanians who travelled abroad during the 12 months ending in June 1989 was around 700,000, excluding Jordanian expatriates and their immediate families, and not counting those who reside outside Jordan for any reason.

The sample surveyed by the Department of Statistics indicated that the average duration of a resident Jordanian's trip abroad is 12 days, thus the Jordanian touristic nights spent abroad may be in the order of 8.4 million each year.

The Department of Statistics estimated the expenditure of the travelling Jordanian citizen abroad to be JD 11.8 a day. Even if we take into account that part of the travellers are children with low cost, and a major part stays with relatives and friends, we strongly feel that the figure picked up by the Department of Statistics is extremely low. It could not possibly cover the average Jordanian traveller's expenses for accommodation, transportation, and shopping. We venture to suggest that such daily expense would not be less than JD 25 as a bare

Taking the estimate of the

Despite 70 years of Soviet

exchange would be in the neighbourhood of JD 100 million. However, applying our suggested daily rate, the outlays would be over JD 210 million a year. We definitely don't call for banning travel or even restricting it in any direct manner. Jordan is not a prison and should not be one, but the Jordanian economy and its limited resources cannot afford, under the current difficult circumstances, to pay \$300 million in foreign exchange to finance travel. Even an advanced and relatively rich economy of a country like France

did not leave travel without taxation, as a negative incen-

Those who travel abroad may be of limited income groups, but they are not normally from the poor class. They are businessmen, tourists, students who afford to study abroad, or patients who would like to have foreign medical services, or pilgrims, or scientists and researchers who attend international conferences and present papers etc. All those groups are naturally well to do.

Therefore the current airport departure tax amounting to operate as an effective incentive to deter unnecessary travel. Perhaps the government should consider raising the tax to JD 100 or so. Such a step wil result in some JD 50 million of extra revenue badly needed by the treasury. It may

influence part of the would-betravellers to hesitate before making an unnecessary trip abroad, or at least leave less purchasing power to be spent abroad in hard currencies. This is one suggested action. The other one may be to leave

the current tax of JD 25 as is,

but add JD 10 for each day

spent abroad, such a solution will not only suppress the tendency to travel, but may also work as an incentive to shorten the duration of the trips, and consequently reduce the expenses. Of course nonresident Jordanians should be exempted from the per diem.

It is evident that the majority of my fellow citizens will not like this suggestion, but I should warn that unless we accept reasonable sacrifice, like paying a higher tax for travelling abroad, we may find ourselves, later oa, compelled to accept more painful sacrifices, such as no travel abroad.

Asians seeking identity, rebel against Moscow

By Mort Rosenblum The Associated Press

TASHKENT - Almost overlooked in the nationwide tumult, Soviet Central Asians are reclaiming their identity, waging a free-form rebellion against Mos-cow while warring among them-

New political movements, led by intellectnals and fed by an amic revival. accuse local authorities of perpetuating Kremlin control. Poverty and social frustration are sowing violence. Vicious communal riots, quel-led by shoot-to-kill military rep-

ression, have killed hundreds of people, perhaps more than 1,000, in the past year. Rampaging youths have torched whole neighbourhoods. Throughout the region, activists say that President Mikhail

Gorbachev's promise of perestroika eludes : Asians who do not want space in the "common European home" he envisions for the future. Unlike the northern republics, where Baltic republics bargain for

a separate place in a new Europe,

Asians pursue a dream of reviv-

Holes in NATO

security seen as

By Charles Aldinger

less alarming

these days

WASHINGTON, — The latest

NATO spy scandal makes clear

the Warsaw Pact knew plen-

ty about Western alliance battle

plans and NATO is lucky the

soviet-led pact is losing its punch,

"I don't know if we knew about

them what they knew about us,

but it's obvious that NATO forces could have been in a miss if

shooting started," said Jim Black-

well of the Centre for Strategic

and International Studies in

The Federal Bureau of Inves-

tigation (FBI) announced Thurs-

day night that agents in Tampa,

Florida, had arrested former U.S. army sergeant Roderick James

Ramsay for alleged espionage

while he was stationed in West

Germany, the heart of North Atlantic Treaty Organisation de-

U.S. officials said Ramsay was

part of a spy ring that had passed

NATO war plans to the Soviet

hloc, including Hungarian and Czechoslovakian intelligence ser-

What struck Blackwell and

other military analysts was that

the West may escape the con-

sequences of such security blun-

ders simply because the democra-tic reforms that have swept the

east bloc have also thrown the

Warsaw Pact into disarray and

vastly reduced it as a likely military threat to Western Europe.

Hnngarian Defence Minister

Laios Fur said Hungary would

not take part in Warsaw Pact

military exercises this year and wanted to leave the Soviet-led

Developments like that and the

lowering of East-West tensions

exemplified by last week's Bush-

Gorbachev summit may leave

Western leaders breathing easier

about security breeches that

would have had them tearing

"The public is more relaxed

about it all with the easing of

East-West confrontation - and

people who watch these things

their hair a year ago.

alliance by late next year.

Only on Friday, for instance,

vices, for some 20 years.

military experts say.

overlay, much of the region remains almost as the silk-caravan drivers found it on their way from China. Only blocks from Tashkent's grandiose monuments to Soviet saviours, old men in robes

berry trees.

Beyond mud walls on winding streets hardly wide enough for a laden donkey, youths read the Koran and mutter darkly about a century of Russian imperialism. Increasingly, they are ready to

and skullcaps sip tea under mul-

This is like what happened in Algeria," said Igor Krupnik, a specialist in ethnic conflict at the Soviet Academy of Sciences, evoking the npheaval which drove France from its North African colony.

But unlike Algeria, be said, bitter divisions among peoples in the five Central Asia republics add the threat of internal civil war pitting Asians each other as they resist Moscow.

In Uzbekistan, the third most populous Soviet republic, and in Tadzhikistan, to the south along the Afghan border, Russians are ing 1,000-year-old roots stifled by leaving in growing numbers, join-

aren't surprised," said John

Steinbruner of the hrookings In-

stitution, another Washington-

known for years that NATO is a

sieve, riddled with security holes.

Perhaps both sides have been too

Steinbruner and Barry Blech-

man of the Johns Hopkins Fore-

ign Policy Institute noted that NATO and Warsaw Pact forces

now openly exchange informa-tion on deployments and plans

that five years ago would have

stabilising to exchange most of

that information before." said

The FBI, whose business is

"It represents a haemorrhage

of sorts of extremely sensitive

information. It has caused grave

damage to the security of the

united states and to all of

NATO," burean spokesman Lar-

Ramsy was in charge of top

ry Curtin told Reuters.

protecting national security, has quite another view of develop-

ments like the Ramsay case.

"It would have been just as

been top secret business.

Steinbruner.

obsessed with military secrecy,"

The fact is that experts have

based think-tank.

THE SOVIET REPUBLICS 145.3

ing an exodus of ethnic minor-

Although some Russians admit to fear of violence, many say they are leaving before worsening economic and social conditions in Central Asia trigger a mass de-

Potential unrest spreads across a vast area approaching a population of 50 million, echoing concerns in this modernised ancient capital,, 2,900 kilometres from

While fighting in the Caucasus

is confined to well-delineated

borders, as Lebanon, Krupnik said, internal strife amog Central Asian groups could spill across a Ata, Kazakhstan, in 1986. Soviet southern border stretching from Iran to China. On June 4, violence broke out

between Uzbeks and Kirghiz on the border between their republics, over desperately scarce land. A skirmish spread to pitched battle, and scores were killed.

Like tinder igniting from a small spark, fighting spread to Frunze, capital of Kirghizia. Uzheks and Kirghiz, like Kazakhs and Turkmen, share was independence within a few Turkic roots but also a history of years, although none wanted to

Tadzhiks, ethnie Persians, clash sporadically with neighbouring Uzbeks.

The Soviet policy of clamping down hard acts to intensify frustration, Asians say.

In Kazaklistan, the sweep of steppe bridging Russia and Asia, tension is less evident, but young radicals deride authorities in Moscow for crushing nationalist A Kazakh editor of the under-

ground weekly, Turkestan, afraid to be named for fear of reprisal, said she turned radical when troops fired on crowds in Alma Kazakhs were protesting the nomination of a Russian as first

secretary of the local Communist

Party. It was the first ethnic

violence after Gorbachev took "For the outside, Gorbachev is a champion of perestroika," she

said. "For us, be is a hangman." Leaders of popular front movements in three troubled republics said in interviews that their goal pin down details.
"We want independence as

soon as possible, but it is too early to say what that means," said Abdurahim Pulatov, chairman of the unofficial Ubzekistan party, Birlik, a vanguard move-

Mohammad Solikli, an Uzbek Azerbaijan were being given oet who heads the rival opposi- scarce housing. Quickly, witnespoet who heads the rival opposition movement, ERK, echoed Pulatov's remarks.

Western specialists say Central Asians, though divided among themselves, share a common purpose: To restore their language, culture and traditional values. "I am amazed by an over-

whelming sentiment to throw the rascals ont," said Edward Allworth, a Columbia University. professor who has written widely on Central Asia, in Tashkent for new research. Travel restrictions limit access,

but interviews in areas recently closed to foreigners and under curfew reflect emotions ranging from vague unease to panic. In the rich Fergana Valley, east of here, the mood is grim.

"They killed like animals," said a law student named Nash, an ethnic Turk whose family was among many thousands displaced by Stalin from Meskhetia in southern Georgia generations

She said she survived the Fergana Valley violence a year ago that took 107 lives-by-official-

thousand dead," she said ... homes "Uzbeks chopped off children's They say that an imposed depeople alive."

as burned in new violence last February, a ripple from bloody without Soviet support. assaults in the town of Parkent, 100 kilometres from here. "Now I am leaving for good," Nasli said

Only last month, gangs of oung Uzbeks rampaged through the Fergana town of Andizhan, firebombing the homes of Arme- "Old corrupt ways still connians, Jews and Russians. tinne," Solikh said. "We must Women were raped, but no one

was killed. Victims said local authorities ignored appeals for help. Krupnik called that a new tactic to frighten minorities without

attracting army reprisals. "These things are very serious. Authorities respond in the old way, and

the situation worsens." In February, thousands of young Tadzhiks sacked Dushanoe. in riots touched off by reports that Armenian refugees from

ses said, they turned on Russians. A senior Tadzhik official, who spoke frankly but on condition he not be named, said that only two people were killed by riots. The rest were shot by army troops restoring order, heightening resentment against Moscow. He out the death toll at twice the official figure of 27.

In the aftermath, Tadzhik inteliectuals rankled at Moscow papers which emphasised attacks on Russians. The real target, Tadzhiks said, was the stifling Soviet system.

"We have nothing against Russizns, and we condemn the violence," said Abdujabor Tohir, head of Rastohez (Renaissance), the Tadzhik popular front. "But we want to control our own

Like Pulatov and Solikh in Tashkent, he denied that Islam was behind the violence. "It is social frustration," he said, noting that Tadzbikistan underemployment approached a third of the work force.

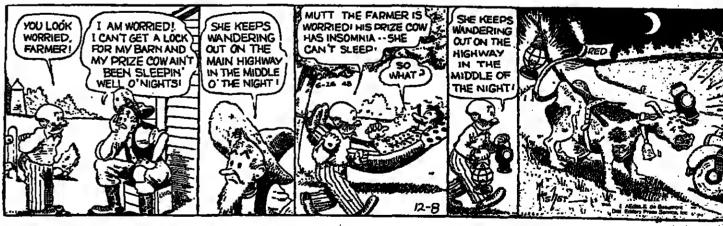
Opposition leaders say they unt. want to build an economy that "There were at least a allows youths to find jobs and

hands, gouged out eyes, burned pendence on cotton has not only wrought havoc on the environ-Her family's Tashkent house ment but also has crippled possibilities for economic viability

But, fired with a sense of cultural and natural identity suppressed since the Czars, many activists argue that economics will follow once the politics are set-

wake up the people. As long as we have governments that look to Moscow, out of touch with the people's needs, we cannot be independent."

Mutt'n'Jeff



Andy Capp













I'M GOING INTO NEEDLES TO TRY TO SELL ONE OF MY WESTERN PAINTINGS ..



secret of documents at the U.S. army's Fifth Corps, 8th Infantry Division, in Bad Kreuznach, West Germany, where he was stationed from 1983 - 1985. The Justice Department said the mastermind of the spy network, Clyde Lee Conrad, paid Ramsay \$20,000 for classified materials including plans for ground war defence of Central **Peanuts** Europe against a Soviet invasion, documents dealing with the use of nuclear weapons by the United States and its NATO allies and

Conrad, a retired army sergeant, was convicted of treason and jailed for life Wednesday by West German court for selling military secrets to Hungary and Czechoslovakia. He was thought to have received. \$2 million for the information.

military communications tech-

ANC exiles wait for signal to cross South African border

By Vanora Bennett Reuter

GABORONE — Twenty thousand black South Africans, who went into exile a generation ago after-conflict with the white authorities, are now on tenterhooks waiting for the signal to return home.

"We're carrying on life like we used to, but everybody's looking with big eyes waiting for that bell to ring," Snuki Zikalala told Reu-

Pointing down the starlit eastern highway out of Gaborone to the frontier just 10 kilometers away, his wife Pinky added: "that's the road we'll be driving down when the day comes."

Snuki and Pinky, a doctor trained in Bulgaria, are among the stalwarts of Nelson Mandela's African National Congress (ANC) watching sweeping political changes inside South Africa

with increasing excitement.

There are 20,000 people like us waiting, mostly in Zambia, Botswana, Tanzania and Uganda, " said Solly, a doctor trained in East Germany and now working in ANC camps in Tanzania. "I'm ready for the call home." Compulsory teaching of the

Afrikaans language in black

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schools in the Zikalalas' home town of Soweto sparked off fierce riots in South Africa in 1976 and resulted in thousands of militant Sowetans fleeing the country to join the ANC.

When black youths poured out of South Africa in the 1970s to ANC headquarters in Lusaka, they were encouraged to finish their schooling before joining the organisation and many went into higher education in Sowiet-bloc

Now, encouraged by a wave of reforms which Pretoria's white President F.W. De Klerk has embarked on this year since parliament opened on feb. 2, they believe they will soon be able to put their skills to good use at

"I thought I would never see my native land again in my natural life," said Zikalala, who spent a decade in Bulgaria getting a doctorate in journalism. "On Feb. 2, that's when I began to believe in God,"

- De Klerk and Mandela, who was freed from iail in February after serving 27 years of a life sentence for plotting to overthrow white rule, have begun exploratory talks on negotiating a new constitution giving a share of political power to the voteless

One key ANC demand for

entering formal negotiations is that the government issue a general amnesty, freeing all the organisation's members from the risk of prosecution or imprisonment for their past activities.

A committee set up to louk into the question has reported to the government but its findings have not yet been made public: The ANC rank-and-file can only go home once the amnesty is

in place, but they will not rush over the border as soon as the Pretoria government gives them the green light, according to exiled physicist Lncas. Lucas, who asked for his last

name not to be published, said the exiles would wait for their own party bosses to tell them to go home.

ANC offices were drawing up lists of members with information about their families inside South Africa, Lucas added, saying it would be difficult and dangerous to go hack except under the ANC The organisation has already

started seeking foreign aid to repatriate its members and find homes for them inside South

Africa. "I want to go home and start



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Thus the spectator can retrospectively see the animated and

inhabited buildings haunted more

than three millennia ago by Thumutsis I, Queen Hatshepsnt, Amenophis III, Ramses II and,

In order to create the computer

model of the Temple of Karnak

from the data gathered on the site

by archaeologists, it took sixteen months of work (from autumn

1986) and 180,000 lines of initial

programmes, later brought down to 35,000.

Cooperation between EDF en-

gineers (who have, for a number

of years, been interested in tech-

nological patronage) and their

expert programmes, and special-

ists at the Franco-Egyptian Cen-

tre of Karnak, is also gradually

leading to the reconstitution of

Amenophis IV's low-reliefs from

In this case it is necessary to

extrapolate and to proceed as

with a huge jigsaw puzzle. Neither

the original, nor the part of the

whole made np by the 12,500

blocks found in the foundations of

earlier buildings, are known. The

computer proceeds as by the

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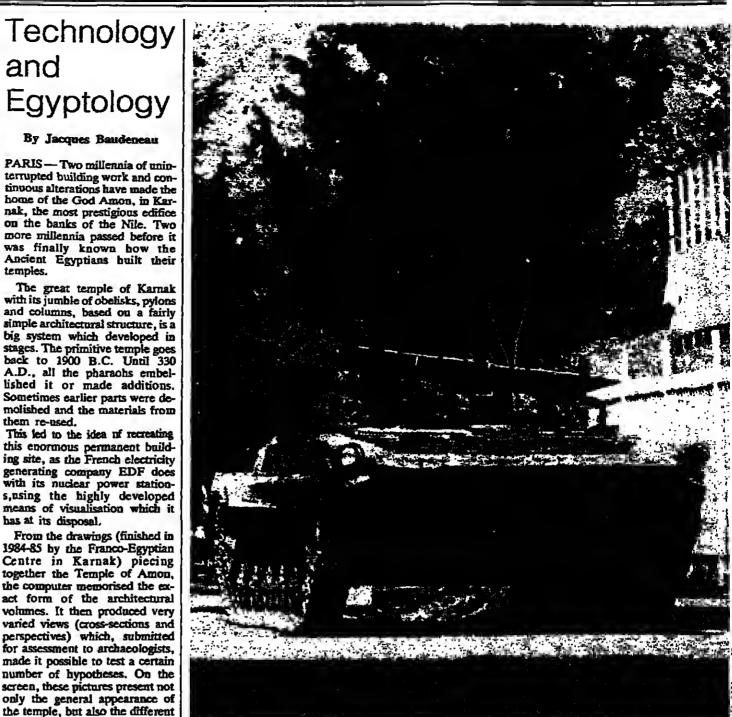
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By Jacques Baudeneau

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There will be jobs. South Africa is suffering from a big brain drain so we will fit easily and properly into the



A Soviet-made tank may yet find a role as an instrument of construction rather than destruction

Is it a tractor, is it a crane?

By Colin McIntyre Reuter

VIENNA, - If the Soviet Union has its way, some curious-looking vehicles will soon be ploughing its fields, fighting its fires and con-

structing its houses. Moscow, faced with the prospect of getting rid of about 20,000 tanks, has come up with some novel ideas for converting them

to civilian use. The tanks are being made redundant under a new treaty on reducing conventional forces Europe.

Oleg Grinevsky, chief Soviet delegate to the 23-nation Conventional Forces in Europe (CFE) talks, stunned delegates a few weeks ago when he proposed turning thousands of tanks into bulldozers, tractors, mobile cranes, drilling rigs and fire-fighting vehicles.

The response from NATO states and from Moscow's onetime allies, former Communist regimes now mving or already moved to democratic systems. was less than enthusiastic.

Both Western and Eastern exnographic association and inxtaperts voiced concern that tanks converted to other uses by removing their gun-turrets could casily be re-adapted to their original role.

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"And any vehicle that uses 300 litres of gasoline per 100 kilometres has pretty limited uses," be added

"I have never met a farmer who wants to plough a field with a tank," Archie Hamilton, British Minister of State for the Armed Forces, told a CFE news conference recently. "The problem is impacting earth, just the opposite

of what he is aiming for in the remisal of any of them to support the Soviet proposal on conversion of military equipment. The Soviet Union eventually went ahead and tabled it

NATO delegates do not believe that Moscow's insistence on conversion is an attempt to circumvent new arms ceilings currently being negotiated.

"If they want to cheat, they only have to pull back their tanks beyond the Urals, which are outside the negotiation zone," one Western delegate said.

Noting that the Soviet Union would have to cut its tank force by much more than NATO's to hit the new ceilings, he added: "they need to show their people they are getting something out of this buge investment."

The main problem of destroying tanks is that they are built to withstand destruction.

At his Vienna news conference Hamilton recalled that the Israeli tating," Hamilton said.

army had succeeded in patching up tanks that had been blown up three or four times, and got them going again.

Hamilton was in Vienna to tell delegates of a British method of destroying surplus tanks quickly, cheaply, and with no environmental fallout by blowing them up with strategically placed explosives.

It is one of a number of The suspicions of Moscow's methods under study that are Warsaw Pact allies were reflected aimed at responding to comtries, particularly the Soviet Union, that they have neither the time nor the resources to destroy thousands of tanks within the three-year period set by the

The West Germans are looking into crushing tanks, the United

States favour cutting them up. Hamilton said that using the British system, three men could blow up a tank with (13 kilogramies) of plastic explosive in 45 minutes, at a cost of only 80.

The explosion blows off the turret and cracks the main casing, making the tank virtually impossible to repair, but leaving the wheels and tracks intact so the wreck can be moved without the use of heavy lifting gear.

"When you see what the IRA (Irish Republican Army) can do with (900 grammes) of explosives, blowing a car to smithereens, 30 pounds is pretty devas-

Arabs urge U.S. to tie aid to Israel with peace efforts

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"The Arab countries believe that the strategie alliance between Israel and the United States, the volume of military and economic aid and political backing provided by the United States and the lack of effort to convince Israel to respect international law have all contributed to Israel's intransigence and have convinced the world that the United States supports its (Israel's) present policy," the letter said.
It said Arab complaints about

the large-scale Jewish emigration from the Soviet Union are based on the fact that Palestinian national rights have not yet been achieved.

If an independent Palestinian state had been set up "there would not have been this great Arah concern about Jewish emigration."

The Arah worry is based on conviction that this emigration will further curtail the chances of peace in the region," the letter

The chairman of the Arab group at the U.N. will confer with Security Council members next week on prospects for summoning a special General Assembly session to devise means of protecting the Palestinians in the occupied territories, the Arab League's U.N. observer said Fri-

Clovis Maksoud said this was the result of consultations among Arah delegates after the United States last week vetoed a Security Council draft to send an inquiry mission to the West Bank and Gaza Strip to recommend ways of protecting the inhabitants.

The Arah group's current chairman, Ambassador Ahmad Ghezal of Tunisia, would first see the seven non-aligned members of the 15-nation council and then other council members.

Maksoud said it would be preferable if the United States joined the consensus in the counicl and permitted adoption of a resolution there to protect the Palesti-

The new right-wing Israeli government 'might jolt the United States into a more objective approach and distancing from Israel, but there is no assurance at all," he said.

"Hence we are inclined to have a procedural (council) resolution to convene a General Assembly under 'uniting for peace'," he said, referring to a rarely-used procedure for obtaining action by the 159-member assembly if the council is blocked by a veto.

The aim would be the despatch of observers or "some sort of U.N. force" to protect the Palestinians in the occupied territories, pending an international conference to resolve the Arab-Israel conflict.

Ghezal confirmed be would

including a special assembly sesbegin consulting council members sion, but added that no final next week about possible options, decision had yet been made.

Hrawi said to have failed

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Rival Christian forces skirnished with mortars in east Beirut Saturday, raising fears that an increasingly shaky 23-day-old truce in a power struggle between rebel Aoun and militia chieftain Samir Geages could soon col-

Police said no casualties were reported in the early morning exchanges which died down around 7:45 a.m. (0445 GMT). The Vatican-brokered cease fire, called May 17, has halted major clashes between the two forces, which have been fighting for control of the Christian enclave north of Beirut since

But daily firefights between Aonn's troops and Geagea's right-wing militiamen have become rontine and police officials said all-out fighting could resume because mediators have failed to

secure a political settlement. "Nothing has changed at the

political level. Both sides remain in their position and no-one can predict how much longer this ceasefire will hold," said a police spokesman.

wounded since Aoun moved against Geagea in January.

By police count, 1,036 people

have been killed and 2.772

Militia executes 'collaborator'

The Syrian-backed, Shi'ite Muslim Amal militia executed a Lebanese man in the southern port city of Tyre Saturday for allegedly collaborating with

Photographers were not allowed to take pictures of the 5:30 p.m. (1430 GMT) execution of Haidar Al Asmar, a 26-yearold former Lebanese army soldier from the village of Yareen inside Israel's self-proclaimed "security zone" in South Lebanon.

A masked Amal gunman shot Amar as he saw on a rock blindfolded with his hands and legs

More than 3,000 people watched the execution in the coastal

city, local reporters said.

Amal sources said the militia arrested Asmar four days ago after he shot and seriously wounded a Tyre travel agent.

No other details were avail-

Why not lock the men up?

EAST GERMANS GET HELP: Elmar Pieroth (right) is here

seen talking to employees of the East German shippard "Neptun" in

Rostock. Pieroth, a CDU expert on the affairs of medium-sized

companies and a former economic affairs sensior in West Berlin,

Reuter

AUCKLAND. New Zealand -Fominists have reacted angrily to police advice that they should stay home at night after a spate of brutal rapes shattered New Zealand's reputation as a peaceful

society. Instead they now want a curfew

to be impose on men. "Our sex shouldn't he punished for what men are doing," said Maria MacMillan, an activist in the North Island town of Hamilton.

Men should be allowed out after a certain time at night only if accompanied by a woman. would be a nice turnaround of the tables because women have for so long had to go out with men to be

safe on the streets," she said. "Men should stay at home at night. In the past it has always been women who stay at home.'

The streets of New Zealand towns and cities are still relatively safe by international standards. But the brutality and frequency of recent rapes, particularly in Auckland, New Zealand's biggest city, have shocked the public.

Police advised women not to go out alone at night and to secure their homes after a pregnant South Auckland woman was raped repeatedly by two men who entered her home through an open window on May 5.

The same night a woman in central Auckland was dragged into an alley by a man who attempted to rape her, while a woman in Christchurch who had been waiting for a taxi was raped

Days earlier another Auckland she said.

woman was brutally beaten in a rape attempt in a city centre car

Police figures show that reported sexual assaults on women jumped to 2,033 in 1989 from 1.359 m 1985.

MacMillan said the idea of a curfew for men was mooted 25 years ago by the world's first woman prime minister, Israel's Golda Meir. after a series of rapes in Tel Aviv.

But Chief Inspector Dave Smith said the police advice was realistic. "Some of the sanctions some women are advocating, that violence by men be eradicated and curfews imposed, are totally unrealistic."

"Police agree teenage women hitchhikers have the right to accept rides from strangers and not be molested. But it is nawise

Women's Affairs Minister Margaret Shields told Reuters the police advice was sensible.

"I don't think the problem can ever be solved simply by locking people up," she said.

Asked if violence against women was increasing, she said: "I don't think we have any figures that can suggest that. People are more prepared to report violence, women are less likely to tolerate continual domestic violence, and I think that on the whole is positive."

Trish Mullins, spokeswoman for a Wellington feminist group, wants pornography outlawed and violence on television and in films to be curbed.

"A curfew, while it has got support from women, avoids the and heaten in an hour-long real issue of how you are going to change attitudes and behaviour,"

Campaigning for support

acts as an adviser to the new GDR government. He will give the

benefit of his experience to GDR politicisms and managers as the

GDR economy is altered, people who have hald little experience with the free market economy (Photo: DaD/DPA)

Vatican policy on the Palestinian-Israeli conflict: The struggle for the Holy Land. By Andrej Kreutz. Greenwood Press, London 1990, £34.95

who study Israel's establishment and Palestine's renaissance are overloaded, but this small book universities were international law and European history, and his own specialities the interaction between religious beliefs and institutions and politics. His acknowledgements portray him as an unusually empathetic character, and in his myth-destroying introduction be analyses the gradual evolution of Vatican policy to the Holy Land over the past turbulent century in parallel with a transformation of the Roman Catholic Church itself. Handicapped by restrictions on archives, Andrej Krentz has embarked on a wide sea of painstaking research and personal interviews, and has netted an impressive catch.

He opens with a history of the Church's survival and development, its ambitious self-image, yet its principles realisable only through social and political compromise. He divides the Church into the Western, the Second Church of Eastern Europe (often highly critical of the West), and the Third, of the developing countries. He then describes Vatican positions on every aspect of the struggle for Palestine, the Arab rebellion, partition, the Holocaust, Israel's creation, the refugee problem, national rights. Pope John Paul II and the Palestine question. This takes up only 168 pages of which some 45 are

ootes. There is a chronology

THE BOOKSHELVES of those 1897-1988, bibliography, list of

interviews, and index. In a clear, scholarly and brief conclusion we read how Israel's must be added. The author's in- strength after 1967 required the terests in Polish and Canadian Church to adjust foreign policy and religious tradition, to accept Israel's victory and devote itself to establishing friendly relations with the new state and the international. Jewish community. Kreutz remembers President Nixon's statement that failure to deal with the refugee question was one

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of the major mistakes of the post-war era, adding "this was a mistake the Vatican never made." He analyses Vatican-reservations over Zionism, admitting religious prejudice and social conservatism and stresses the new liberal and humanitarian elements in the Church's development. He estimates the role of involved Popes (from Pius X to John Paul II) and the differing perceptions which have merged "continuity of action and persistence of primary objectives and values". We now have a situation wherein both Palestine and Israel compete for the Church's moral support and "its seal of legitima-. The author has faith in the Holy See continuing to work for and plead with the world .on behalf of Palestine's "unhappy people."

Diana Richmond

Saudi Arabia postpones electronic share dealing

BAHRAIN (R) - Sandi Arabia has delayed the introduction of the first electronic share dealing system in the Gulf to avoid a traditional summer trade lull.

Gulf-based analysts say the launch of the Saudi Securities Antomated Information System (SAIS) — initially scheduled for April — had been postponed to avoid coinciding with the Muslim holy month of Ramadan which ended in May.

Then Saudi officials decided to put off the date for another three months to avoid a normal business bull between June and August, when many people take extended holidays.

The hardware is in place and the system has been fine-tuned but officials want to start when activity picks up at the end of the snmmer season," one Saudibased economist said.

Analysts say screen trading on SAIS will revolutionise the kingdom's infant market by speeding up share dealing for 55 listed companies and providing accu-. rate prices.

Under present rules, traders must go to a bank with a bid or offer and the banker involved then telephones around for a quote. Deals can take up to two months to complete.

SAIS would sidestep the religiously sensitive issue of reintroducing a trading floor while giving small investors the chance to compete with prominent ones, who previously had better access to company information, the analysts said.

It would also reduce the infinence of brokers who take most of the business directly from big investors. Brokers from the king-dom's 12 commercial banks will operate the screens.

Trading floors are anachronisms today — you don't need to bave people standing eyeball to eyeball to discuss prices when the same information can be communicated electronically," one analyst said.

Saudi Arabia opened a trading ball in May 1987 but closed it a few weeks later after what bankers termed objections from some merchants and religious groups.

Usury is banned by Islam. Despite this, trading volume on the cumbersome telephone and telex market bas grown steadily, reaching an average \$7 million a

day from \$4 million a year ago.
This compares with daily trade of around \$10.3 million on Kuwait's exchange, which is the oldest in the Gulf. Business on Bahrain's official exchange is less than \$1 million a day.

Dramatic gains in stock prices of many bankes and industrial firms fuelled a share trading boom in 1989, with the kingdom's official index breaking 100 for the first time last October.

It climbed about nine per cent during the first five months of 1990, hitting 118.27 on May 30. Figures show the banking and industry sectors — which recorded gains of 19 per cent and 10

per cent respectively this year -

still account for most of the tur-

Higher oil prices and declining loan loss provisions boosted the performance of most Saudi banks in 1989. Several reported record profits, both for 1989 and the first quarter of 1990.

"The banks are performing well and this is whetting the appetite for their shares," spokesman for the Riyadh-based Consulting Center for Finance and Investment said.

Share prices for the jointventure united Saudi Commercial Bank, a market leader, rose 48 per cent in the past five months. The bank's first quarter profit

jumped to 27 million riyals (\$7.2 million) form 17 million (\$4.5 million) in the first quarter of

Share prices for Riyadh bank, one of the largest Saudi banks, leaped 30 per cent. The bank's first quarter profit rose 25 per cent to 115.7 million riyals (\$31 million).

New restrictions and taxes placed on some manufactured imports coupled with a general economic upturn also improved the performance of local industries.

Share prices for the leading Saudi Basic Industries Corporation climbed 11 per cent to 2,635 rivals (\$703) in the first five months of 1990.

Prices for the Saudi Pharmaceutical Industry and Medical Appliances Corporation rose eight per cent to 365 rivals (\$97).

IMF reassesses its multiple roles

By Aiver Carlson Renter

WASHINGTON - The International Monetary Fund (IMF), torn between East Europe's new thirst for money and the southern hemisphere's old bunger for food, is reassessing its multiple

The agency, set up just before the end of World War II to help nations with balance of payments problems, now must try its hand at poverty relief and environmental damage control as well.

But some monetary experts fear the agency's efforts to tackle and agenda which far exceeds its original aims of helping with debt problems and promoting economie cooperation may be self-defeating.

"Some people are worried that the IMF will cease to exist in its key form if it gets too far away from its original role," said one monetary source.

The IMF's informal self-scrutiny, under way for years, has taken on a greater sense of urgency after a decision last month to pump an additional \$60 billion into the agency's coffers - a 50 per cent capital increase.

"The debate is intensifying now that the funding is approved and specific directions are being formulated," another source

Officials say the debate centres on whether the IMF should continue to broaden its role or retrench and concentrate on fostering economic cooperation and achieving economic balance among countries.

The agency's responsibilities have never been so great since the Third World debt crisis burst onto the stage in 1982. Although major industrial countries have enjoyed nearly a decade of economic expansion, grinding poverty continues to dominate individual countries and sometimes

entire regions. The debt crisis continues to stalk policymakers as changes in Eastern Europe challenge the IMF to help turn socialist, financially strapped economies into bealthy free markets.

Latin America, with combined debts of \$410 billion, bas made little progress. Africa owes an estimated \$226 billion and remains in critical condition.

Eastern Europe, which is lining up for massive assistance on its \$95 billion debt, will benefit from the new European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) set up last month by 40

But the EBRD is geared mostly to helping the fledgling private sector in Eastern Enrope, and its basic capital of \$12 billion is dwarfed by the IMF's capital increase alone.

IMF strategists stress that no region will be pushed aside by the needs of another, and Managing Director Michel Camdessus has said the debt crisis will not take a back seat to the historic emergence of Eastern Europe.

But internally there is festering concern that the pressures from Third World countries to belp the poor and from Western environmentalists to stop damage to the environment — from the earth's thinning ozone shield to Brazil's shrinking rain forests — are stretching the agency well beyond its capabilities.

'Lean and mean'

The IMF considers itself to be "lean and mean," as one monetary source put it, with total staff of 1,700 against 6,000 at the World Bank, its sister agency for development finance.

Many see this comparatively slim structure as an asset which allows for greater agility in providing funds and recommending policies.

The capital increase agreed at the IMF-World Bank spring meeting a month ago will make it easier for the fund to deal with its new responsibilities, but it will be some time before the money is actually committed and can be put to work.

Member countries have until June 28 to ratify the agreement, which would then take effect Dec. 30 next year.

But experts say the new funding does not completely resolve the question of the IMF's role within the global economic system, which is often upset by unexpected developments.

Camdessus pointed out during the debate on funding that the IMF had to be able to move quickly, noting that neither the Third World debt crisis nor the emergence of Eastern Europe had been anticipated.

HOROSCOPE FORECAST FOR SUNDAY JUNE 10, 1999

By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundation-GENERAL TENDENCIES: A be thought out and with the aid of beautiful day and evening for you a confidential specialist who trusts

beautiful day and evening for you to show those with whom you are in most immediate contact that you are really ready to serve their best interest. Make a point to explain

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TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20) You can approach home problems with family members from a different slant and improve relations, then later see your home in perfect

GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21) A generous friend will give unusually helpful ideas for gaining a desired aim if approached and later you can join other friends in an interesting project.

MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) Your financial picture can be greatly improved by what you do during early part of day and later you can take specific action to make it work.

LEO: (July 22 to August 2t) Your own course of action wherein you combine past experiences and add new goals are the way to advance; later in day reduce aims to the nitty

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assistance, today. SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 21) You have the best possible inspiration now how to expand in directions that unite your experiences and your hopes for the

CAPRICORN: (December 22 to January 20) You like business and to put yourself in a spot where you can control some important deals and this is a particularly good day. to do so.

AQUARIUS: (January 2t to February 19) You can discuss and arrange a mutual undertakings of importance with e prominent person, then later in the day you can carry through agreement made. PISCES: (February 20 to March

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East Germans battling to become more competitive'

FRANKFURT (R) — East Germany's main problem as it prepares to merge economically with West Germany lies in making its outdated industry competitive on the world market, the bead of the West German central bank said Friday. Bundesbank President Karl

the risk of bigher inflation in Germany after monetary union, scheduled for July 1. "The real problem will be the

Otto Poehl told bankers in Frank-

fort he was less concerned about

competitiveness of East Germany," he said. East Germany, under the thumb of Stalinist central plannets for the past four decades, has long been the biggest industrial power in the East Bloc. But it

of technology, know-how and product quality. Eccause prices were fixed for so many years and firms were judged on output volume rather than on profits, analysts say most firms will face big adjustment

lags far behind the West in terms

problems in coming months. Serious overstaffing, a big burden on costs, is also a problem,

Poehl rejected suggestions East Germany should set up tariff barriers or import duties to protect its industry in the transition to full political unification with West

"The idea of setting up 'protec-

SHANGHAI, China (AP) —

China's reformers are cautiously

reviving plans to develop stock

and bond markets one year after

political turmoil gave conserva-tives the upper band and halted

Chinese bankers and securities

dealers buddled for three days

this week with foreign counter-

parts at an extraordinary seminar

about how capitalist securities

markets operate and their advan-

Participants said China is years

away from creating a modern,

Western-style market with com-

puterised transfers, futures op-

tions, a wide range of stocks and

bonds and a host of buyers and

sellers. For socialist China, the

concept of creating wealth by means other than direct labour

Bnt Western and Chinese

sonrees said just bolding the seminar showed that government

officials and think-tanks commit-

ted to reform have regained some

influence — if only because se-

rious econouric problems bave

forced conservatives to consider

they face is they need money,"

said one Western businessman, speaking on condition of anonv-

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noted, are one way of turning

private savings into capital invest-

That is why plans to develop a

"The biggest single problem

reformist solutions.

remains politically suspect.

most innovation.



tive fences' is unrealistic," be

After the powerful West German mark is introduced in East Germany on July 1, the two nations' economies will be unified and they will have to give similar

treatment to their imports. West Germany was still obliged to abide by European Community (EC) agreements on tariffs and other barriers, Pochl said. It would also be unrealistic to

subsidise all non-competitive or loss-making East German firms, be said. "I am very wary of subsidies. Although they always start as short-term measures they never

China reformers slowly

market are "back on track." he

The seminar was the largest

effort to tap foreign expertise on

the subject since the 1986 visit of

a Wall Street delegation led by

This time, the 36 foreign parti-

cinants included a senior vice

president of the Tokyo stock ex-

change, Shiro Uramashn;

Eoghan McMillan, chairman of

Hong Kong's futures exchange and F.T.F. Yuen, chief executive

of the Hong Kong stock ex-

Sponsors included the state

commission for restructuring the

economy, once closely allied to

former Communist Party chief

Zhao Ziyang. Zhao was purged

last year in a power struggle

touched off by massive student-

led protests for democracy. Many

of his advisors also were purged, demoted or frightened into si-

But economic reform bas

found new support in Shanghai, long one of China's most politi-

cally reliable cities. Mayor Zhu

Rongji, widely regarded as a

pragmatist, needs capital to mod-

ernise the city's crumbling infras-

for an ambitious industrial and

high-tech development zone cal-

led Pudong that will need at least

\$10 billion in investment over the

He also recently unveiled plans

New York stock exchange Chair-

man John J. Phelan Jr.

said. "The direction's the same,

the speed may be slower."

revive market plans

change.

end, they take on a life of their own," Poehl said. Economists say it is too early to

assess the full cost of German monetary union and of German

unification. "East Germany is going to have its own special problems with financing," Poehl said. The country could raise money only through taxes, which would come in slowly, and by borrowing on capital markets, which would be

Under the terms of a treaty on economic union signed last month, East Germany will have to clear all new borrrowing with the West German finance

Poehl said the Bundesbank's role as a fund-raiser was limited. The Bundesbank will not finance the deficits of East Germany just as it will not finance the deficits of West Germany," be

"If we did that it would be the surest way of financing unification by printing money and this would unleash the inflation which is so much feared on financial

Foreign investment would be extremely important in getting East Germany's ailing industry back on its feet," Pochl said.

"This conference may really be

about Pudong," said one foreign

Shanghai, which had one of

Asia's biggest stock markets be-

fore the 1949 Communist takeov-

er, returned to the business in

1986 when it opened a stock

participant.

He said be strongly favoured privatisation, but added that its proceeds should be used to rebuild East German firms rather than as a handout to the East German population.

De Beers to launch Swiss-based affiliate

Beers, the world's biggest diamond producer, is adding sparkle to its image with the launch Monday of a Swiss-based affiliate.

New-look De Beers securities will be traded in Johannesburg and on eight European bourses from Monday, representing the De Beers Consolidated Mines Limited parent and its Swiss connection De Beers Centenary AG.

De Beers appears to believe and share analysts agree — that its shares have been underrated in the past, because foreign investors especially failed to appreciate its global role or were wary of its South African identity.

Merrill Lynch and company, the largest U.S. securities firm, said last November its traders would no longer buy or sell shares in South African companies, joining other U.S. houses which refuse to mandle South Africanrelated business because of the country's apartheid race segregation laws.

"The move (to set up the Swiss-based arm) reflects the fact that today's diamond business is a global one," De Beers Chairman Julian Ogilvie Thompson said last month. "It was designed in part to lead to an easing of the political discount on the De Beers share

After the reorganisation was announced three months ago, the price of De Beers shares surged 49 per cent on the Johannesburg stock exchange to a record 110 rand (\$42.3) last May 18.

It has since settled just under 100 rand as the gold-dominated stock market sagged due to a

JOHANNESBURG (R) — De slump in world bullion prices, and economic slowdown and political uncertainties.

Beers set up the Swiss arm to control its foreign interests, including the London-based central selling organisation which controls 80 per cent of world diamond sales and sells on behalf of countries as far-flung as Australia, the Soviet Union and Zaire.

The South African diamond mining business and other local interests will remain with the

Among other advantages.

Shareholders will own securities in both groups, enabling them to identify the respective onshore and offshore earnings, dividends and assets. But the securities will trade only as a single, linked De Beers/Centen-

The twinned stock comprising De Beers equity shares and Centenary depositary receipts, will be listed in Johannesburg, London, Paris, Frankfnrt, Zurich, Geneva, Basle, Lausanne and Brussels.

THE BETTER HALF. By Harris HARRIS 5-9

"I don't like the padded shoulders. I'm afraid you're going to tackle me."

JUMBILE THAT SCRAMBLED WORLD GAME
by Henri Amold and Bob Lee

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words. SOLOE **OINES** NABACA WHAT THE FATHER OF TEN GIRLS ANOTHER ARRIVED. TUSALE dested by the above cartoon.

(Answers temorrow)

Jumbles: CHEEK DANDY PARITY VICUNA

trading counter for cash purchases and sales. More counters soon opened nationwide, each setting its own prices. But since few Chinese companies are allowed to issue stock

to anyone but employees, the counters did little business. Their real takeoff came in 1988, when the government allowed resale of treasury bonds.

Most Chinese are required to buy these and regard them as a tax, not an investment. Many are happy to sell at a discount, boosting the countries' annual transactions to more than \$583 million.

There are limits on who can buy and sell, reducing turnover. No foreign participation is allowed, even though it would be one way of attracting foreign

Reformers long have argued that these problems could be solved by creating a compute-rised, national market and allowing freer issue of company stocks and bonds. Before conservatives gained the upper hand last year. there were even calls for gradual privatisation of the economy through stock sales.



MOSCOW (R) — President Mikhail Gorbachev said Friday the Soviet Union must press ahead with far-reaching changes to create a market economy, lifting the country from stagnation after decades of centralised plan-

economy

Gorbachev, who faces growing opposition to the Soviet government's economic reform plans. told the nation he was convinced ordinary people would come to recognise that only a market system could give them the life they

wanted. In quiet but determined mood Gorbachev told a news conference televised live across the Soviet Union about his drastic plans to meet the needs of con-

The majority of our society has come to the conclusion that we need very deep changes in our economy," he said.

The market is the environment which will encourage productivity and quality. Our conclusion is that it is essential."

The president spoke of a reform package of more than 30 laws and decrees that would set' up "a developed financial and credit network of commercial banks" as well as security and commodity exchanges, among

other measures. Referring to state-fixed prices, many unchanged for decades, be said: "We must put all prices in line with the realities of the economy and bring them up to world levels. If not, how can we open our defenceless market to the world? Foreign businessmen would leave us naked within two

Gorbachev delivered his remarks sitting alongside Britain's Conservative Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, one of the Westerm world's chief apostles of the market system, who is on a visit to the Soviet Union.

She nodded in apparent agreement as the Soviet president, accused by some critics of abandoning Communism, declared: The market is not an invention of capitalism... it has existed for centuries. It is an invention of civilisation."

A long-awaited government programme for transition to a market economy from old-style Communism's rigid centralised planning of the past 60 years was presented to the Soviet parlia-ment by Prime Minister Nikolai

Ryzlikov two weeks ago. But radicals say it does not go far enough in breaking the system or is even designed to maintain bureaucratic or Communist control, and raised fears among ordinary people for their already low living standards.

The Soviet parliament, the Supreme Soviet, bas not yet voted on the package but many deputies have bitterly criticised it, while the parliament of the second largest republic, the Ukraine, has already rejected the

package.

Byelorussia has turned down price rises while the newlyelected president of the Russian Federation, Boris Yeltsin, has said the plan is "anti-Russian" and puts too heavy a burden on ordinary people.

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analysts say, the new structure should make it easier to tap international capital markets. Foreign bankers might for instance prefer to see collateral held in a Swiss firm rather than in one based in south Africa.

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	Buy	Sell	French franc	117.2	117.9
•			Japanese yen (for 100)	436.5	439.
U.S. dollar	670.0	674.0	Dutch guilder	350.8	352.5
Pound Sterling	1128.3	1135.1	Swedish crown	109.6	110.3
Deutschemark	394.6	397.0	Italian lira (for 100)	53.7	54,0
Swiss franc	462.2	465.0	Belgian franc (for t0)	192.3	193.5

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Vacances: du temps à "tuer"

Depuis quelques jours, les écoles commencent à se vider de leurs élèves. C'est la fin de l'année scolaire. Bientôt, les étudiants du "tawilhi" seront débarrassés de l'angoisse des examens. La chaleur, qui s'accroft chaque jour, nous annonce que ce sont bien les vacances d'été qui commen-

Les vacances d'étél Pour des centaines de milliers de jeunes jordaniens, c'est d'abord le signal de la libération des devoirs et des obligations scolaires. Ce sont des moments de détente, de paresse, parfois

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de vide, peut-être de joie et de rencontres agréables pour certains. Pour des centaines de milliers de parents en revanche, ces deux mois d'été constituent un véritable et long cauchemar. Ils s'en soucient déjà.

Ces derniers changent leurs habitudes. Ils se couchent et se réveillent tard. Ils "trainent" à longueur de journée. Dès qu'il commence à faire frais, en fin d'après-midi, ce sont les ballades dans les rues. Des errances de jeunes qui ne savent pas quoi faire de leur jeunesse. Alors on casse, on se bagarre pour tout et pour rien, on drague les jeunes filles, on va au cinéma pour regarder des films généralement

Il est vrai que la "gestion du temps" n'est pas une discipline à laquelle jeunes et moins jeunes sont habitués dans notre pays. Par ailleurs, la société jordanienne n'a pas mis en place un dispositif suffisant pour aider les jeunes à passer leurs vacances d'été de façon agréable et utile. On a impression que chez nous vacances riment avec "ne pas faire son travail". Sans plus.

Pourtant, depuis une dizaine d'année, l'équation congés=loisirs fait son chemin. Grâce aux "clubs d'été", organisés par le ministère de l'Education dans certaines écoles, les autorités ont réussi à atténuer quelque peu la gravité du problème. Les jeunes peuvent choisir entre plusieurs activités dans ces centres temporaires et y pratiquer leurs hobbies.

Mais, vu le très grand nombre de jeunes, ces clubs ainsi que certains "camps" d'été se révêlent encore (malhenreusement) insuffisants. On y manque de moniteurs, d'animateurs et de matériel.

Nous souffrons aussi beaucoup du manque de centres aérés, de colonies de vacances, où les jeunes peuvent s'amuser, faire connaissance les uns avec les autres et passer le temps utilement et agréablement, sans toutefois dépenser trop d'argent. Nombre de clubs ou d'associations, particulièrement à Amman, réclament en effet des sommes

Du comp, les jeunes jordaniens se retrouvent quasiment abandonnés par la société. On ne leur accorde que très peu de leurs droits. Les centres et cinbs rattachés au ministère de la Jeunesse ne s'adressent qu'à une petite minorité d'entre eux. En 1987, une étude non officielle avait révélé que 20.000 jeunes de 17 à 24 ans seulement, sur une population giobale de 700.000, étaient membres de ces

Le budget du ministère de la Jeunesse s'élève pour cette année à un peu moins d'un million de dinars. Une somme essentiellement consacrée au paiement des salaires. Très peu d'argent est destiné à la création de nouveaux centres ou clubs. Ou à l'amélioration de ceux qui existent déjà. Or nombre d'entre eux laissent à désirer: manque de terrains de sport, manque de matériel.

Il est grand temps, en dépit de nos problèmes économiques, de s'occuper des jeunes, particulièrement pendant la période estivale. Ce sont des énergies énormes qu'on peut orienter vers le bien du pays. L'été est une occasion, entre autres, de leur apprendre à avoir confiance en eux-mêmes, la solidarité et l'amour du pays. Oui, on peut continuer à "apprendre" en été, sans se fatiguer, à travers la lecture. les débats, les conférences, le tourisme et la vie collective. Pourquoi ne pas songer à des "maisons des jeunes et de la culture! dans les quartiers, villages et petites villes, en collaboration avec les associations populaires locales? S'occuper des jeunes de la nation n'est-elle pas l'affaire de tout le monde?

Accusés d'appartenir à une secte d'hérétiques

Cinq Jordaniens jugés pour apostasie

Cinq Jordaniens, accusés d'apostasie pour avoir embrassé la religion "Al-Kadyaniya", considérée comme hérétique par l'orthodoxie musulmane, ont comparu fin avril et début mai devant le tribunal islamique de Naour. Quatre d'entre eux ont été acquittés après

la fin de "l'affaire Toujane Fayçal", la Jordanie se retrouve être depuis fin avril le théâtre de nouveaux proces pour apostasie, crime suprême à l'encontre de l'Islam. Un crime qui vaut à ceux qui en sont convaincu, tel Salman Rushdie, une véritable condamnation à mort et l'impunité à quiconque verserait leur

cette fois, ce sont cinq Jordaniens qui font face à cette terrible menace. Tous ont été accusés d'avoir renié la foi musulmane pour embrasser la religion "Al-Kadyaniya". Quatre d'entre eux n'ont pas caché être membres de la communauté des Ahmadiya, du nom de Mirza Gholam Ahmad, un Indien du Penjab qui fonda cette secte

en 1889. Ainsi de Taha al-Kazak, âgé de 70 ans, qui s'est luimême présenté comme le chef

A peine quatre mois après de Ahmad en Jordanie. Mais selon lui, l'accusation d'hérésie portée à l'encontre de ses trois compagnons et de luimême est erronnée. «Les Ahmadiya reconnaissent que leur prophète est Mohammad et que leur livre saint est le Coran. Par conséquent, ils n'ont jamais renié leur appartenance religieuse à l'Islam», insiste-t-il. A l'en croire cependant, «Mirza Ahmad a prétendu être le messie, l'envoyé de Dieu, venu pour donner une lecture plus juste du Coran et mieux adaptée à notre époque, après que les docteurs de la loi coranique en eurent donné des interprétations sonvent fausses. Et nous croyons en lui».

Repentir

Le juge du tribunal de Charia de Naour, dans la banlieue sud-ouest d'Amman, a contre lesquels l'avocat

s'être repentis. Le cinquième a, quant à lui, été condamné en première instance. Un jugement, qui reste cependant suspendu à la décision prochaine de la cour d'appel de

cette dernière profession de mait «de verser leur sang, de foi constitue bel et bien un crime d'apostasie. Selon l'Islam, «Mohammad est le dernier prophète», souligne cheikh Khaled al-Wreykate. C'est pourquoi, ajoute-t-il, les deux plus hautes autorités en droit coranique, l'université al-Azhar du Caire et l'Association du Monde Islamique en Arabie Saoudite, ont émis une "fatwa" (jurisprudence islamique) qualifiant Al-

Kadyaniya d'hérésie. Bien que Taha al-Kazak ait répliqué que sa communanté voyait en Ahmad nn «prophète qui est venu non pour changer la Charia mais lui donner une interprétation plus exacte et amener ainsi les musulmans à une meilleure application des principes de l'Islam (...)», il lui a fallu prononcer, avec ses trois coinculpés, une «déclaration de repentir». Les quatre accusés.

confisquer leurs biens et de prononcer la dissolution de leurs mariages», ont également dû renouveler leur foi musulmane et signer de nonveaux contrats de mariage pour bénéficier de l'acquittement. Les précédents contrats ont en effet été ingés «invalides» par le tribunal.

Condamné

Plus critique est la situation du cinquième accusé, le journaliste Ibrahim Abou Nab.

Egalement convaincu d'être un adepte d'Al-Kadyaniya et d'avoir publié des articles ainsi que des poèmes en faveur de cette religion, il a lui aussi été jugé «coupable d'aposta-sie» par le tribunal islamique de Naour, qui a prononcé en première instance le 26 mai dernier «la dissolution de son mariage et lui a interdit d'écrire ou de publier des articles», précise cheikh Wreykate.

Contrairement aux quatre autres condamnés, Ibrahim Abou Nab a cependant rejeté les accusations portées contre lui. Qualifiant de «fausses» les mesures du verdict de la cour, il s'est dit «innocent», estimant que «seul Dieu a le droit de juger les personnes sur leur foi». Le journaliste a ajouté qu'il avait publié un ouvrage «retraçant l'historique d'Al-Kadyaniya, dans lequel [il] réfute les arguments de cette religion sur la base des vérités du Coran».

Ibrahim Abou Nab avait par contre violemment critiqué la manière dont s'est déroulé le procès de Taha-al-Kazak. Il avait notamment estimé la procédure en contradiction avec la constitution du royaume, qui prône la liberté de croyance. «surtout au moment où la Jordanie entame une nouvelle expérience démocratique».

Le sort du journaliste reste pour l'heure suspendu à la décision finale que doit prochainement prendre la cour d'appel de charia. Une décision, qui, si elle confirme le jugement du tribunal islamique de Naour, constituera un précédent plutôt inquiétant dans le royanme hachémite.

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Représentant. Une délégation de l'Association parlementaire pour la coopération euro-arabe a souhaité mercredi la présence d'un représentant permanent de la CEE dans les territoires occupés. Cette délégation de sept membres sexprimait à Amman, dans le cadre d'une tournée d'information an Proche-Orient. Le représentant serait alternativement un ressortissant de l'Etat assumant la présidence de la Communauté. La délégation s'est montrée résolue à maintenir cette proposition quelle que soit l'opposition éventuelle

Jordanie-USA. Le roi Hussein a reçu mardi à Amman une délégation américaine conduite par l'ancien sénateur républicain Charles Percy. Il a estimé à cette occasion qu'il était «difficile pour la Jordanie et la nation arabe d'accepter et de comprendre» le veto opposé par les Etats-Unis à l'envoi par l'ONU d'une mission d'enquête dans les territoires occupés. De son côté, la délégation s'est prononcée en faveur d'une actinn immédiate des Ettats-Unis au Proche-Orient, estimant que leur pays est la seule partie pouvant constituer le pont entre les Palestiniens et la droite isrelienne, qui semble devoir prendre prochainement le pouvoir».

2H10L10M21Jordanie-Libye. Le roi Hussein a reçu une invitation à se rendre en Libye, adressée par le dirigeant libyen Mouammar Kadhafi. Il a promis d'y répondre le plus tôt possible a indiqué mardi le premier ministre jnrdanien Moudar Badrane. Ce dernier a ajouté que la nomination d'un ambassadent jordanien à Tripoli aura lieu trè prochainement. Les deux pays avaient rompu leurs relations diplomatiques en 1984 à la suite de la mise à sac et de l'incendie de l'ambassade jnrdanienne en Libye...

Manifestations. L'une des personnes blessées au cours des manifestations de la fin du mois de mai en Jordanie est décédée lundi à l'hopital de l'université. Ce décès porte à quatre tués le bilan officiel de ces journées de tronbles a annoncé mercredi à Amman un haut responsable de la Sûreté générale. Les obsèques de Jihad Manassra, 20 ans, se sont déroulées mardi au camp de Baqaa, à 20 Km au nord

Israël. 1.163.350 juifs soviétiques ont demandé à immigrer en Israël depuis le début de l'année 1989, selon le directeur du département de l'immigration de l'Agence juive (organisme para-gouvernemental). Ce chiffre englobe 252.100 familles (715.000 personnes) ayant adressé des demandes d'immigration en 1990 aux responsables de l'Agence en URSS. Depuis le 1er avril 1989, 50.000 juifs soviétiques sont arrivés en Israël.

Iran-Irak Le président iranien Ali Akbar Hachemi-Rafsandjani a déclaré mercredi qu'il était disposé à une rencontre au sommet avec le président irakien Saddam Hussein, «si cette réunion se révèle constructive et positive». M. Rafsandjani a indiqué que Bagdad avait proposé fin avril des négociations directes, en dehors du cadre de l'ONU, mais que son pays tenait an contraire à des négociations sous les auspices du secrétaire général des Nations-Unies.

Armement. L'administration américaine a fait part mercredi an Congrès de son intention de vendre à l'Arabie Saoudite des véhicules blindés, des missiles anti-chars et du matériel de modernisation de cinq avions de surveillance AWACS. La valeur de ce contrat se monterait à quatre milliards de dollars, à moins que le Congrès ne s'oppose à cette vente dans un délai d'un mois.

Libération. La Haute Cour de Sûreté de l'Etat égyptienne a décidé jeudi de libérer sous caution M. Khaled Abdel Nasser. Le fils de l'ancien président Nasser est accusé par le parquet d'être l'un des principanx instigateurs des attentats anti-israeliens et antiaméricains, revendiqués par l'organisation activiste «Révolution de l'Egypte» eutre 1984 et 1987. Khaled Abdel Nasser, qui s'était livré la veille de façon inattendue aux autorités égyptiennes à l'aéroport du Caire, a versé une caution de 2.000 dollars.

Anti-racisme. Des centaines de milliers de jeunes Soviétiques, es et français ont, pour la première fois manifesté ensemble leur rejet du racisme en participant, hier soir, à trois concerts organisés simultanément à Moscou, Prague et Paris par l'association française SOS-racisme.

Unanimité. Les députés français unt adopté à l'unanimité vendredi en première lecture le projet de loi sur la participation des organismes financiers à la lutte contre le blanchiement de l'argent de la drogue. Si ce texte est définitivement adopté les banques et professions financières devront faire part au ministère des finances de leurs soupçons sur l'origine frauduleuse de finnds qui leurs seraient remis. Une mesure qui implique done une certaine levée du secret

SIDA. La ville de Paris va tripler cette année le budget municipal de lutte contre le SIDA qui devrait passer de 5 à 15 millions de francs. Ces sommes serviront à renforcer les actions de prévention avec notamment une journée d'information par mois sur un thème relatif an SIDA. Deux équipes mobiles vont également être créées pour le ramassage nes seringues. Fin 1989, 2.569 malades du SIDA (30% des cas déclarés en France) ont été enregistrés à Parise.

Vache. Les Douze se sont mis d'accord jeudi pour renforcer les mesures de protection contre la maladie des «vaches folles» qui sévit en Grande-Bretagne. L'embargo sur la viande bovine britannique décidé la semaine dernière par la France, la RFA et l'Ittalie, a donc

de file des quelque 25 adeptes estimé en avril dernier que Abdallah al-Shamayleh récla-Entretien avec le journaliste Alain Gresh

L'attitude américaine encourage l'intransigeance israélienne

Alain Gresh est journaliste au "Monde diplomatique". Il est également l'auteur de plusieurs ouvrages sur le conflit israélo-arabe et sur la résistance palestinienne, dont "Histoire et Stratégies de l'OLP" (1983), "Les Cent Portes du Proche-Orient" (1986) et "Palestine 47: Un Partage Avorté" (1987). Mercredi dernier, il a donné une conférence au CERMOC (Centre d'étude et de recherche sur le Moyen-Orient contemporain) sur 'les rapports entre les Palestiniens des territoires occupés et l'OLP". De passage à Amman, il livre au "Jourdain" son analyse de la situation régionale.

a récemment eu un changement qualitatif dans la politique amér-icaine à l'égard du conflit israélo-

se soit produit un tel changement. Depuis l'accession au pouvoir de George Bush et la tenne du Conseil national palestinien en novembre 1988, l'attitude des Américains a consisté dans l'ouverture d'un dialogue avec l'OLP sans toutefois manifester l'intention de déboucher sur quelque chose de concret. Ils veulent que la centrale palestinienne ne s'oppose pas à leur plan. L'axe principal de leur politique est le suivant: essayer, à partir du plan Shamir, de concocter un nouveau projet, qui soit acceptable par Israel, par les gouvernements arabes et qui ne soit pas combattu par l'OLP. C'est l'essence du plan Baker. Ce dernier est parti du principe que le gonvernement

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d'union nationale dirigé par Yitzhak Shamir souhaite une négociation et que le plan proposé par le premier ministre israélien est sincère et non pas destiné à gagner du temps. Dès que ce plan est devenu concret pour les Américains, Shamir y a renoncé, bien Alain Gresh: Je ne crois pas qu'il que cette proposition de Washington soit très éloignée du plan de paix palestinien.

> L. J.: Les Etats-Unis n'avaient-ils pas les moyens d'appliquer leur plan maleré tout?

A. G.: Oui, mais à condition d'effectuer de véritables pressions sur Israël. Or celles-ci sont restées verbales. Par contre, le gouvernement américain a été soumis à de fortes pressions de la part du Congrès. C'est pourquoi, tout de suite après l'opération du Front d'Abou al-Abbas, il a menacé de rompre le dialogue avec l'OLP. Le délégué américain a également posé son veto

contre le projet de résolution, pourtant modérée, soumis au Conseil de sécurité des Nations Unies pour l'envoi d'une missinn [dans les territoires occupés]. Ce qui a constitué un encouragement à l'intransigeance israélienne.

L. J.: Quelles pourraient être les implications régionales du mas-sacre des ouvriers polestiniens et de l'opération des fedayin? A. G.: La situatinn au Proche-

Orient est devenue très instable.

L'absence de progrès dans la négociation de paix et la continuation de l'Intifada vont entrainer les éléments les plus aventuristes dans la direction israélienne. Ils risquent de chercher dans la guerre une "solu-tion" à l'Intifada. D'un autre côté, l'absence de solution de paix encourage les éléments extrémistes dans le camp palestinien on arabe, et en premier les islamistes. Cela confirme leur opinion qu'il n'y a pas de solution de paix et que le seul chemin est la confrontation. Le désespoir de la population arabe, et particulièrement palestinienne, risque d'être accru par ce qu'ils perçoivent comme un immobilisme des pays arabes. Le sommet de Bagdad -pour autant que l'on saches'est contenté une nouvelle fois de déclarations de principe.

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d'Amman. C'est le premier pas que j'entreprends dans

mon escalade sociale. Etre membre d'un club de golf, cela

fait, tout de même, assez chic. On risque d'y rencontrer des

VIP et puis, qui sait, réussir à instaurer avec eux un rapport

d'amitié. On m'a dit qu'un prince le fréquente avec

assiduité, mais tôt le matin, seul. Cette promenade m'a l'air

d'être un exercice de méditation et là, j'ai l'impression que

je n'oserais pas l'interrompre pour me présenter. On verra

bien! En tout cas, le parking est toujours plein de voitures

intéressantes dans ce sens-là: plaques diplomatiques,

numéros très bas (qu'on ne donne qu'à ceux qui comptent

Le club se situe juste derrière le Parc National, sur la

route de l'aéroport, avant Yadudeh. L'endroit est très

beau, typique des montagnes boisées de la Jordanie qui

descendent en dégradant vers la Vallée du Jourdain. Au

printemps, il se couvrira de toutes espèces de fleurs

sauvages et de champignons. Pour le moment, on y a

installé des bureaux, dans un petit préfabriqué, et une

grande tente bédouine, qui héberge la salle du club,

proprement dite. L'idée de la tente est géniale, car elle

offre un abri du soleil, ventilé et très agréable. J'espère

qu'on la gardera, même quand les propriétaires con-

L'idée de ce club était venue à Mademoiselle Julia

Bisharat, il y a déjà plusieurs années. Il y a six ans, son

frère Bisharat avait étudié le parcours sur un relevé aérien

et c'est leur père, Jamai al-Bisharat, qui a finalement

accepté de mettre le projet à exécution. Les responsables

sont des Anglais de l'ambassade, Peter Mayes et Dave

Hart, tandis que les responsables techniques sont Austra-

liens: George Heading et Bill Davies. Pour le moment, le

La toute première fois que j'ai visité le club, j'étais avec

Léon, un ami qui a joué dans les plus beaux golfs du

monde. (Je me doute qu'il est aussi un VIP, mais il est bien

trop discret pour le faire entendre.) Moi, j'étais toute

hérissée de peur de trouver un parcours de gazon et j'étais prête à t'écrire une lettre méchante et acide car, avec la pénurie d'eau que nous connaissons, j'aurais trouvé la

chose inadmissible. Lui, qui vient d'arriver dans le pays et

ne sait pas encore ce que l'eau signifie chez nous, avait la

mémoire pleine d'étendues vertes à perte de vue. Moi,

i'étais immédiatement conquise par le club, mais j'ai

aussitôt vu que la moustache de Léon (qui est vibratile et

expressive de ses bumeurs) se bérissait. Ses yeux sont

devenus tout ronds et: «C'est là qu'on joue? Mais, c'est pas

Quand j'ai essayé de rompre des lances pour le parcours

tel qu'il était, il m'a interrompue avec un péremptoire: «Ma

chère, on voit bien que vous ne comprenez rien au golf».

Ce qui est vrai. l'ai avalé la réprimande mais, une fois

rentrée, je me suis jetée sur tous mes dictionnaires et voilà

le résultat. Petit Larousse: «Golf (mot anglais). Sport

d'origine écossaise, qui consiste à placer une balle à l'aide de crosses (clubs) dans les trous successifs d'un vaste

Devoto Oli (et je traduis de l'italien): "Golf. Jeu

écossais, pratiqué sur des terrains de vastes dimensions

(entre 2 et 6 kilomètres), qui présentent des difficultés et

des caractéristiques propres. Le jeu consiste essentielle-

ment à envoyer une balle de gomme de 4,5 centimètres de

diamètre avec différentes crosses, du point de départ an

point d'arrivée dans les trous successifs (9 ou 18) en jouant

d'Amman remplit toutes les conditions envisagées par les

règles du jen. En définitive, le golfeur est tel qu'un héros

mythologique, Ulysse ou Jason, qui doit arriver à son but

en passant par nombre de difficultés. Qui a jamais dit que

les difficultés doivent être vertes et suintantes d'humidité?

Regardons le côté positif de l'affaire: ici, on ne risque pas

de jouer sous la pluie, ou du moins assez rarement. La balle ne risque pas de se perdre dans un lac et ni crapauds ni

couleuvres (créatures de l'humidité) ne seront là pour

l'avaler en la pensant œuf de pigeon. De plus, on

Je demande à cet ami de réfléchir et lui dédie ce refrain,

L'ami Léon, brum, brum,

Tel un Jason, brum, brum, Cherchait l'gazon, brum, brum,

Telle une toison, brum, brum,

Trouva l'chardon, brum, brum,

qu'il refuse de me donner des leçons. A bon entendeur,

Et voilà que j'ai pris ma petite revanche, tont cela parce

Pas un mot sur le gazon. Il me semble que le golf

le plus petit nombre de conps possible.

n'attrapera pas de rhumatismes.

fait de vers ailés:

salut!

Vale Egeria!

clnb rassemble 120 membres.

vrai, où est le gazon?»

e au'ils ont projete

vraiment), voitures du gouvernement.

La rubrique de Flavia Romero

mentation évolue et s'enrichit constamment. Mais Les évolutions les plus frappantes sont encore à

Depuis le début du siècle, tout a changé dans nos assiettes. L'agro-alimentaire est devenn une véritable industrie qui ne se borne plus à répartir les produits en fonction des besoins, mais am les modifie, les transforme. les conditionne, assure leur con-servation. Celà implique l'utilisation de nombreuses technologies nouvelles qui touchent à l'industrie chimique aussi bien qu'à celle du froid.

Mais tout ceci va changer bien plus encore et le présent va sembler très vite dépassé. Les labor-atoires de recherche se livrent actuellement des luttes acharnées dans tous les domaines de la nutrition avec comme impératif la loi des «quatre S», à savoir: Saveur, Santé, Sécurité et Ser-. vice. Ainsi se résume la diététique de l'an 2000.

Quelques chiffres font déjà rêver ou... laissent rêveur: on estime que 50% des produits que l'on consommera dans dix ans n'existent pas encore et n'en sont

Vale Egeria!



L'avenir est sombre pour les gastronomes de l'an 2000

qu'an stade de l'étude ou de la L'extraordinaire essor des propréfabrication. La part des produits transformés ne cesse d'augmenter: de 30% il y à 40 ans, elle atteint 80% actuellesent. Le temps passé dans la cuisine qui était de plus de 3 heures par jour à la même époque ne dépasse plus 20 à 30 minutes aujourd'hui.

duits surgelés et autres produits prêts à l'emploi représente 70% de la consommation tandis que. dans le même temps, les dépenses pour l'alimentation ont chuté de 33 à 24%.

Garder la saveur et sauver le goût. Toutes les transformations industrielles affadissent les produits et, pour compenser, on utilise de plus en plus les arômes artificiels. Le chiffre d'affaires de ce secteur a été multiplié par 5 en quinze ans et doit doubler dans les cinq ans à venir. Exemple : lq vanille naturelle coûte 17.000FF le kilo, tandis que celle tirée des déchets des bois a une puissance aromatique de dix fois supérieure et ne coûte que 50FF

La hiotechnologie en est arrivée au stade où elle possède des banques darômes qui, complétés par des capteurs de goût, peuvent résister aux diverses modifications industrielles et à la cuisson. La société Roquette étudie avec SANOFI un beurre dépourvu de cholestérol et gardant quand même son goût.

Ce beurre nous amène an chapitre de la santé. Cette dernière décennie a vu prospérer les produits allégés en matières grasses et en sucre, qui représentent 20% du marché actuel. Il est certain que la nourriture de demain sera mienz adaptée aux besoin de chaque groupe d'individus : enfants, malades, actifs, inactifs, sportifs ou sédentaires, mais anssi aux besoins de chacun et même au climat. Le plat familial sera remplacé par le plat individuel.

La Sécurité est aussi un problème très important. Tout au long de la chaîne alimentaire des souillures et des contaminations sont

estime à près de 100.000 le nombre de contaminations en France par an. Dans 42% des cas, les accidents sont dus à un non respect de la chaîne du froid, 38% à une erreur dans le processus de préparation, 32% à un délai excessif entre la décongélation et la consommation. Mais les produits frais ne sont

susceptibles de se produire. Prin-

cipale accusée: la Salmonella En-

teridis, l'une des 2.300 espèces de

cette famille microbienne. On

pas exempts de tels problèmes : Listéria et Yersina sont capables de se développer entre 4 et 10 degrés Celsius, c'est à dire la température des réfrigérateurs habituels. Outre des consignes de stérilisation plus contraignantes, on envisage l'emploi à grande écbelle de la stérilisation par rayons gamma et/ou l'utilisation de marqueurs colorés (comme pour le matériel chirurgical) garantissant la bonne conservation des produits.

Quant au Service, il est bien évident qu'en France, pays du bien-manger, la seule idée d'une nourriture standard et stéréotypée fait frémir d'horreur. Aussi l'alliance de la haute cuisine et de l'industrie agro-alimentaire ne cesse de se développer. Cinquante des plus grands chefs sont ainsi devenus les collaborqueurs des laboratoires : ils goûtent les légumes, fruits, poissons et viandes traités par lindustrie et leur verdict est sans appel.

Joël Robuchon, chez qui il faut retenir sa table trois mois à l'avance, fait l'inverse : il prépare un plat selon son savoir-faire et l'expédie au laboratoire de la société Fleury-Michon. Là, ingénieurs et nutritionnistes s'efforcent de refaire le même plat en se pliant aux contraintes industrielles. Ils le retournent ensuite à l'envoyeur qui donne ou refuse son feu-vert. Plusieurs allers-retours sont nécessaires, mais îls ont permis la mise an point d'une vingtaine de nouveaux plats préfabriqués. Pour l'instant, cette chaîne est réservée aux restaurateurs.

De son côté, la société Jacquet a concu un pain qui reste parfaitement frais pendant quatre à cinq mois, grâce à un emballage spé-

La révolution dans nos assiettes ne fait que commencer...

situation, tant en ce qui concerne

le dialogue et le rapport de forces

interne en Afrique du Sud que

l'importance, à son avis, du main-

tien des sanctions économiques

internationales à l'encontre du

régime ségrégationniste de Pré-

Du côté français, on reconnais-

sait à l'issue de la rencontre que

Nelson Mandela avait effective-ment insisté sur la nécessité de

ponrsnivre nne politique de

«pressions» jusqu'an démantèle-

ment complet de l'apartheid. Ce

dernier a également réaffirmé à

François Mitterrand qu'il

souhaitait que la France use de

son «infinence très importante en

Europe» dans ce sens. M. Mitter-

rand a pris note de cette demande

tout en soulignant que le débat se

situait effectivement au niveau

Nelson Mandela tiendra sans

nul donte le même discours de

fermeté au président américain.

qui le recevra le 1/4% juin à la

Maison Blanche. Pour George

Bush, cette rencontre doit servir

à encourager à des progrès dans

les négociations entre le pouvoir et le Congrès national africain.

M. Bush avait invité le leader

libération du chef de file du

Nelson Mandela a par ailleurs noir ainsi que le président de qualifié de «conversation très Klerk à Washington juste avant la

demi-beure avec François Mitter- mouvement anti-apartheid, en rand. Le vice-président de l'ANC février dernier. (D'après

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Jean Chabrier.

Nelson Mandela à Paris

sanctions

l'encontre de Prétoria.

lité de l'Afrique du Sud est sortie

de quatre années d'état d'urg-

ence. Le président sud-africain

Frederik de Klerk, qui a offi-

ciellement annoncé la nouvelle

jeudi au Cap devant les trois

chambres du Parlement réunies

en session extraordinaire, a pré-

cisé que les lois d'exception res-

taient en vigueur dans la senle province du Natal. Selon lui, ce

maintien se justifie en raison de

«la violence entre Noirs [qui] a

atteint des proportions cho-

quantes et un niveau d'intimida-

tion exceptionnel» dans cette ré-

Promise à plusieurs reprises

par M. de Klerk, cette mesure a

été annoncée au moment même

où le président français recevait à

Paris le vice-président du Con-

grès national africain (ANC). Nelson Mandela s'est déclaré

«très beureux» de cette suspen-

sion, qu'il a qualifié de «victoire

pour l'ensemble du peuple sud-

africain, blanes comme poirs». Il

a cependant regretté que le Natal

n'en ait pas bénéficié, en expli-

quant qu'une telle différence de

traitement ne «servira à rien»

pour mettre fin aux heurts sang-

lants entre mouvements noirs.

fructueuse» son tête-à-tête d'une

a notamment présenté au chef de agences.)

suggestions y sont les bienvenues.

gion du pays de l'apartheid.

Pour le maintien des

Nelson Mandela s'est déclaré «très heureux» jeudi à

Paris, après l'annonce de la levée quasi totale de l'état

d'urgence en Afrique du Sud. Le vice-président du

Congrès national africain a cependant demandé au

président Mitterrand que la France use de son «influ-

ence» pour le maintien des sanctions économiques à

Vendredi minuit, la quasi tota- l'Etat français sa vision de la

à la collection privée de l'ambassadeur d'Allemagne de l'Ouest à

Ouvert du samedi sa jendi de 19200 à 17200 et le jendi de 1920 à 2020.

CONFERENCES

géothermie, son utilisation en France et ses applications possibles en

Centre culturel français, mardi 12 juin à 18500 (en français).

Cinema: Sam Spade, le premier des privès

La chasse à l'intangible trésor

Le centre américain présente cette semaine et la semaine prochaine la "Faucon Maltais" de John Huston (1941), propotype des films de détectives privés et tournant dans le cinéma américain. La création de ce personnage -à l'opposé du film policier- définit en effet un nouveau genre: le film noir. L'œuvre représente aussi les débuts de John Huston en tant que réalisateur et incorpore un thème essentiel de son cinéma: l'échec des entreprises.

Le complot du "Faucon Maltais" le montre bien. A la recherche d'une statue d'oiseau paré de hijoux inestimables, le détective Sam Spade (Humphrey Bogart) fait la rencontre d'une foule hétéroclite de petits tricheurs et de grands bandits: un escroc snave (Peter Lorre); un gangster maussade (Elisha Cook Jr.); une personne à l'accent très cultivé (Sydney Greenstreet). Versions d'une même pègre, ils sont tous à la poursuite d'un objet illusoire. La belle mystérieuse (Mary Astor), qui emploie Spade et dont il s'énamoure une fois dévoilée, n'est qu'une dangereuse criminelle et l'oiseau convoité, qui conte la vie à trois personnes, qu'nn article truqué.

La version de Huston est la troisième, tirée du roman de Dashiell Hammett, un innovateur qui introduisit dès les années 1920 un nouvel accent dans le roman policier. Son "Maltese Falcon" (1929) a donné plus d'importance aux caractères des personnages qu'aux énigmes et aux dénouements. Et son héros, Sam Spade, à l'air cynique et désabusé, est le premier grand

"privé" de la littérature policière moderne. Au cinéma américain, ce personnage apporte une nouvelle thématique et une moralité autre que celle du "polar" classique. Tandis que l'archétype de ce dernier genre ("Little Caesar". 1930; "Scarface", 1932), s'inspirant de l'actualité, voulait montres l'enrayement du crime organisé par le système judiciaire. le Sam Spade du "Faucon Maltais" incarne un univers non moins violent mais dans lequel la justice émanera plutôt des principes de l'iodividu. Ce monde romanesque, à son tour, inspirera des images jamais utilisées jusqu'alors. Ce n'est plus la police faisant face aux mitraillettes d'Al Capone et de ses sicaires mais une figure solitaire, plongée dans un monde odieux, qui doit exercer une moralité personnelle pour s'en sortir.

En 1941, John Huston tourne ces images pour la première fois. Scénariste autant que réalisateur, il reste fidèle à la trame romanesque de Hammett, mettant lui aussi l'accent sur la description et le jen de caractères plutôt que sur les circonvolutions du mystère. Une fidélité, qui va jusqu'à la conservation quasi intégrale des dialogue du livre. Le style laconique du film

reflète tout autant celui du roman. De plus, l'interprétation de Bogart (troisième incarnation) fait date dans l'évolution cinématographique du personnage principal. Le Sam Spade de Ricardo Cortez ("Le Faucon Maltais", 1931) péchait par excès de snavité et d'élégance; celui de Warren William ("Satan Met a Lady", 1936), version à l'accent comique, se montrait trop débonnaire. Bogart, lui, réussit à faire la synthèse des traits de caractères de Sam Spade: un dur, au visage rude et anguleux, à la franchise brutale avec n'importe qui, policier ou gangster; un homme prêt à sacrifier jusqu'à la femme qu'il aime pour honorer son sentiment de justice. Un film à voir on a revoir.

Sami Kamat.

EXPOSITIONS

Esoffes. Tissus, tapis et tentures de l'époque ottomane, appartenant

un, du 16 su 30 juin. Vernimege samedi à 18600. Galerie de in Fondation Sh

Géothermie. MM. Tournaye et Demange présente l'histoire de la

CINEMA

Semaine du Film Turc. Inaugurée hier soir par le ministre de la Culture et l'ambassadeur de Turquie à Amman, le festival propose cette semaine: "Hurmuz with 7 Hushands" (dimanche 10/. 06, sous-titré en arabe); "Wife as Gramaphone" (lundi 11/06, soustitré en arabe); "Any Other Woman" (mardi 12/06, sous-titré en arabe); "Feast of Colours" (mercredi 13/06, documentaire sous-titré en anglais); "Tile Art of the Anatolian Seljuks" (jeudi

Centre culturel royal, Jusqu'an jendi 14 Juin. Projections à 20160. Réserva-tions au CCR.

anglais).

14/06, documentaire sous-titré en

"Quatre Aventures de Reinette et Mirabelle", d'Eric Rohmer, avec Jessica Forde. Joëlle Miquel et Fabrice Luchini (1988). Les étapes, en quatre tableaux, d'une amitié entre deux adolescentes: Reinette la campagnarde, à la fibre artistique, et Mirabelle la citadine, débrouillarde et plus délurée...

Centre culturel français, londi 11 juin à 20100 (en français, sous-titré en

"La Revoltosa", avec Jose Sacristan. Inconnu... Centre culturel espagnol, landi 11 juin.
à 10h30 (en espagnol).

"Die DDR im Umbruch" (1989). Documentaire en trois parties sur l'histoire de l'Allemagne de l'Est, jusqu'aux événements de la fin de l'année der-

Institut Goethe, mardi 12 Juin à 20h00

"The Maltese Falcon", de John Huston, d'après le roman de Dashiell Hammett, avec Humphrey Bogart (1941). La descente aux enfers du détective Sam Spade, à la d'une statue d'oiseau paré de bijoux inestimables... Un des grands classiques du film noir hollywoodien, véritable précurseur des aventures de détectives privés.

Centre américain, jendi 14 juin à 19h00 (en anglais). Voir FOCUS.

Ciné-club. Séance quotidienne à 20h00. Projection supplémentaire fentines. Cette semaine: inaître veipour les jeunes, le jeudi à 16h00. Le programme de la semaine du dimanche 10 an samedi 16 juin n'a pas été communiqué. Renseignements an 603901.

Films en version originale. Route de l'université, première à droite après l'hôtel Jérusalem puis première à gauche. Le ciné-club se trouve à environ 300 m., sur la ganche de la

TELEVISION

DIMANCHE

17h50 - Tel Père, Tel Fils: sitcom à ia par Jacques Martin. 19h00 - Le Journal. 19h15 - Sélection de variétés fran-

LUNDI -

18h05 - "Terres d'Espoir" (2): documentaire consacré au con africain et à l'Asie du Sud. 19h15 - Magazine sportif hebdoms

MARDI

18h00 - Châseau de Sable: dessa 18h15 - Des Chiffres et des Lettres 18h35 - Tel Pere, Tel File. 19h00 - Le Journal. 19h15 - Anjourd'hui en Jord magazine local réalisé et présenté pe

MERCREDI

Panique aux Carato série policière... 1910 - Le Journal 19h15 - Les Méandres de l'Eau (2)

JEUDI

17h40 - "Molierissimo" (7): design animé pour les jeunes, 20 ans d'hi toire de France. 18519 - Des Chiffres et des Lettes

18h30 - La Chance aux Chansons émission de variétés françaises du passé, présentée par Pascal Sevrar. 19100 - Le Journal. 19h15 - Sélection de variétés fra

VENDREDI

17h25 Le Comte de Monte-Cristo", (2ème partie), de Claude Autant-Lara, avec Louis Jourday, Yvonne Fourneaux et Pierre Mond Accusé de bonapartisme alors qu'il rentrait de voyage, Edmond Dantes a été jeté au cachot du château d'Is, simé sur une lle. Il est victime d'une

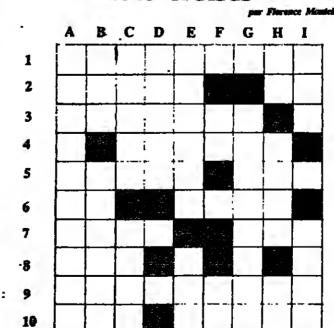
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SAMEDI

17h45 - Le Monde est à Vous: Emission de variétés-jeux présentée par Jacques Martin. 19h00 - Le Journal.

19h15 - Aujourd'hui en France:

Mots croisés



1: ont un faible pour les fonds sous-marins. 2: fixer définitivement; jeu d'origine chinoise. 3: elles aiment le poisson. 4: en-roulées. 5: bois noir; utile pour construire une phrase. 6: adjectif possessif; convient. 7: excessivement; rongeur. 8: Heracles en avait un. 9: tension. 10: au golf;

Verticalement. A: adepte de la Réforme. B: on y passe généralement la nuit; rayée. C: arrondie; couleur brune jaune ou orangée. D: il fit brûler Rome. E: oiseaux; appel de détresse. F: marque le féminin; dans la gamme. G: planterais. H: Renseignements Généraux; boisson gazeuse; pro-nom personnel. I: pas intelligent;

(Solution la semaine prochaine)

Solution de la grille N. 13:

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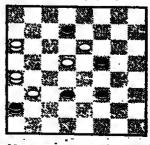
LE SAVIEZ-VOUS

COUVRE-FEU. Un mouvement de femmes néo-zélandaises à récemment demandé aux autorités d'Hamilton (150 kilomètres an sud d'Auckland) l'instauration d'un couvre-feu nocturne à l'encontre des hommes, dans le hut de lutter contre les agressions sexuelles. Le "Groupe d'Hamilton pour la Paix" a présenté cette requête à la stite d'une serie de viols survenus dans la région et pour protester contre l'attitude de la police de la ville, qui s'est contentée de recommander. aux femmes de ne pas sortir après la tombée de la muit.

GORBY. Un fabricant de jouets japonais "Avanti" a lancé à la mi-juin dans l'archipel, aux Etats-Unis et en Europe une poupée à l'effigie de Mikhail Gorbatchev. Haute de 25 centimètres, la nouvelle poupée est habillée en jeans, en cuir ou en tenue de plaisancier. Certaines versions ouvrent la bouche et pousse un petit cri. "Avanti", qui met en vente son dernier joujon pour environ 19 dollars, affiche déjà un carnet de commandes de quelque 1,5 millions

ALCOOL. A neuf ans, plus de la moitié des jeunes Japonais out goûté à l'alcooi, selon une enquête récemment publiée à Tokyo. A cet âge, 61% des garçons et 50% des fillettes, parmi les 13.000 Nippons de 6 à 18 ans interrogés, ont reconnu avoir bu au monis anti-fois des boissons alcoolisées. A 18 ans, ce pourcentage atteint 96%

DAMES Problème N. 14.



Les blancs gagnest en quatre coups. Mut avec les blancs en deux Solution du problème N. 13: Solution du problème N. S.

B. 17-13; N. 10-17; B. 21-18; N. C7-68.

ECHECS

Problème N. 14.

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Cameroun's win adds to list of great upsets

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The 66th-minute towering header from French-based Francois Omam-Biyik put Cameroun in the same giant-killing club as the United States, North Korea. Algeria and East Germany. As African champions and after an impressive unbeaten showing at the 1982 World Cap. Cameroun arguably belong in a

different category.

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But their standing in world soccer is clearly well below Argentina's, reflected in the 12-I odds offered before the momentous victory at Milan's San Siro

The first landmark upset in a World Cup match came in 1950 when the amateur United States humbled mighty England 1-0 with a 37th-minute header from Lary

Italy, this year's bosts, were the next leading soccer nation to be humilisted. At the 1966 finals in England, North Korea stunned the Italians with a single goal from Pak Doo Ik

AMMAN LITTLE LEAGUE

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cue-bid the ace of clubs and South needed no more urging to contract

West led the ace of spades and commued with a low spade, declarer

Cinema

winning. With 10 trumps in the combined hands, most declarers we know would lay down a high trump and concede one down when hearts broke 3-0 But there is a better way

At trick three, declarer should cross to dummy and then lead the jack of hearts. Of course, if East follows with a low heart, declarer intends rising with a ton bonor and playing for a normal split. However, every now and then a careless East might choose to 'cover and honor with an honor." When the bad break shows up it's a simple matter for declarer to return to the table in the other minor and this time take the marked finesse for the ten of hearts to land the slam.

Just in case you don't believe that any player worth his salt would covyou. This hand is based on one played in a national championship some years ago and Dorothy Hayden Truscott pulled off just such a

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Brazil expects tough game against Sweden

TURIN, Italy (AP) — Brazil may striker plays for Torino in the be one of the favourites to win Italian league. the World Cup, but it faces a tough opening game Snnday against Sweden in group C at the city's new stadium.

Brazil is the only country to save qualified for all 14 World Cups and, like Italy, is trying this year to win the soccer chainpionship for an unprecedented fourth time.

But Brazil has not beaten the Swedes since 1966. Since then, the teams have met four times; Sweden won two of those matches and the other two ended in

Sweden won the last game a year ago 2-1 during the Danish centenary toornament in Copenhagen. But Brazil coach Sebastiao Lazaroni didn't have some of his best players because they wre committed to their European league teams.

Lazaroni, the first Brazilian national team coach to introduce a sweeper system, predicted that Brazil will end its non-winning streak against Sweden Sunday. Both teams will play a efensive-oriented game.

"Don't expect a grand specta-cle," Lazaroni said at the Brazilian training camp. "I hope it will be very difficult to score against my team."

Both teams will use a sweeper with four backs, three midfielders and two attackers

The mainstay of the Brazilian efence will be sweeper Mauro Galvao. Its offensive punch will depend on the speed and scoring ability of Careca and Muller who, after playing for several years in the Italian league, are used to hreaking through European de-

For Muller, it will be like a home game. The 24-year-old chance to beat them."

Lazaroni said Saturday that the match against Sweden will be "a tough and difficult game, but we are full of confidence."

Lazaroni's main worry during theh final days of preparations in Aosta was an injury to key defence and midfissed a fitness test and will play Sunday, Lazaroni said.

Dunga, who plays for Fiorenti-na in the Italian soccer league. had pulled a hamstring muscle earlier in the week and wasn't expected to play. But he recovered quickly.

Silas, who was to take Dunga's place, will sit on the bench. Sweden, which tied Brazil 1-1 in their last World Cup clash in the 1978 tournament in Argentina, had two impressive warmup

wins in Stockholm before going

to Italy.

Sweden beat Wales 4-2 in late April and trounced Finland 6-0 two weeks ago to remain unbeaten with its best lineup this year. Earlier, the Swedes drew Belgium 0-0 and Algeria I-1 on the road.

"We will try to defend well and play a smart tactical game," Swedish coach Olle Nordin said. "But we're not going to sit back

when we attack. "We'll attack with the whole team. I think it will be very interesting to see how the new Brazilian defensive system will do under pressure," he noted.

Nordin, who was a member of the Swedish World Cup team last time in Argentina 12 years ago, has a lot of respect for Brazilian

"The Brazilians must be the favourite in our group," he said. "Bot I think we have a good

Yugoslavs aim to shake **West German confidence**

MILAN, Italy (AP) - West Germany has a history of struggling early and finishing strongly in the World Cup. Bursting with selfconfidence, the Germans are promising a strong start and an even better ending this time.

A sloppy start against Yugoslaria Sunday in Milan could cost the West Germans dearly and prevent them from their first objective: Winning group D.

"I think it's good to have such a strong rival in the first match," said coach Franz Beckenbauer. Our players will have to be fully concentrated and motivated from the very beginning of the tourna-

The last time West Germany won its opening World Cup game edged Chile 1-0. It went on to become world champion. It drew 0-0 with Poland in

1978, suffered an embarrassing 2-1 loss to Algeria in 1982 and

drew 1-1 with Uruguay in 1986. Despite unconvincing starts. West Germany was runner-up in the last two World Cup finals. Winners in 1954 and 1974, the West Germans are shooting for

their third title and are considered one of the favourites. "My players have seen the other teams and we all think none is better than us," Beckenbauer

said. "Now we have prove it on

Beckenbauer woo't be able to use central defender Juergen Kohler, who tore muscle fiber in his right hamstring in training. His place is expected to go to Thomas Berthold.

Yugoslavia has no injury problems. With nine players playing was in 1974 at home, when it abroad Yugoslavia has enough experience to trouble the West Germans.

> "They were always a skillful team but now they are , very

British gamblers forecast finalists

LONDON (AP) - If British England win and £3,000 (\$5,100) gamhlers are to be believed, England will play the Netherlands in the final of the World Cup. Paradoxically, they favour Italy as the

The England-Netherlands match, a 20-1 shot, is the favourite choice of people in Britain trying to forecast the final-

Bot among those picking the overall winner, Italy is favourite at 3-1, while the Netherlands is 4-1 and England tied in fifth spot with defending champion Argentina at 11-1.

The United States and the United Arab Emirates are the outsiders at 2,000-1.

The World Cup has attracted heavy betting throughout Britain, where over £4,000 (\$6,800) will be gambled for every minute of soccer played, according to the country's largest bookmaker. Ladbrokes. It expects a record £ 20 million

(\$34 million) to be handed over during the event. People who do not usually

gamble have been putting money on their favoured teams, spending up to £5,000 (\$8,500) on an and United States 2.000-1.

on a draw in the opening match between Argentina and Came-

One hopeful has even staked £150 (\$255) on Egypt to win at 150-I and another £20 (\$34) on a 1,000-1 victory by the United Arab Emirates

Amoog individual stars, Dutchman Marco Van Basten is the hot tip to score most goals. He stands at 5-1 with England's

Gary Lineker, the most prolific striker in the 1986 finals, 10-1. Odds will be updated regularly throughout the tournament to

help the backers choose their

The full betting in Britain on the World Cup teams is: Italy 3-1; Netherlands 4-1; Bra-

zil 9-1; West Germany 6-1; Argentina and England 11-1; Soviet Union 16-1; Spain 20-1; Yugoslavia 25-I; Uruguay 28-1; Sweden 33-1; Belgium 40-1; Republic of Ireland 50-I: Austria. Colombia, Czechoslovakia, Romania and Scotland 66-1; South Korea 300-1; Cameroon and Egypt 500-1; Costa Rica I.000-1: United Arab Emirates

to emulate Cameroun

PALERMO (Agencies) — Egyptian midfielder Taher Abn Zeid saluted the shock win posted hy fellow Africans Cameroun over Argentina Friday and said he hoped his country would play as well in their World Cup games.

"The played great football, they played football as it should be played with the whole team prepared to attack and defend together," he said. Cameroun pulled off a sensa-

tional I-0 win over the world champions in the opening game of the tournament despite finishing the match with nine

"I only hope we can play as well as Cameroun ourselves," the 23-year-old midfielder said. He added he thought the red

card for Andre Kiya Biyik was harsh but felt the subsequent dismissal of Benjamin Massing was justified.

Egypt, in the World Cup for the first time in 56 years, have the daunting task of playing the Netherlands, the Enropean champions, in their first game Tuesday.

"I don't think we'll play like Cameroun. I think we'll be more defensive and use couoterattacks," said Abu Zeid, a small man who acts as the midfield

"The game against the Dutch will be the most difficult of the three group matches," he added. Egypt must also play England and Ireland in group F.

"Eogland and Ireland rely more on high balls and we can deal with that better as we have a strong defence."

But he said not too much notice should be taken of Egypt's recent 3-1 win over England's neighbours Scotland.

"That was a friendly game and it's completely different when there is a World Cup at stake,"

Similar challenge

Dutch coach Leo Beenhakker said his squad faces a similar challenge against underdog Egypt as Argentina did in its disastrons World Cup debut against Came-

Beenhakker was in no mood for surprises after seeing Cameroun upset defending champion Argentina 1-0 in Friday's World Cup opener.

have to look for our own motivation," he said. "We can't play with the idea that the Egyptians are weaker."

He rated Egypt "more or less like Cameroun, tough physically not as strong."

Beenhakker said videotapes of recent Egyptian matches reveal a defensive approach.

But he said, "I don't know if they're going to play as defensive-ly as we all think."

Neither side is giving much away before the game. Egypt, which brought its own security guards to Italy, has ban-

ned news photographers from its training sessions. Dutch star forward Marco Van Basten, lounging at the team

hotel's swimming pool, said Egypt must no be allowed to dictate the pace of the game. "We'll look for the right tactic," he said. "But I won't tell it

to journalists." Beenhakker should be able to assemble a top-strength Dutch lineup for the opener, including long-sidelined team leader Ruud Gullit.

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Egypt hopes | Colombia overcomes UAE

derrama, the hardest worker in warded with a goal as his side beat the United Arab Emirates (UAE) 2-0 in the opening W~rld

Cup Group D match Saturday. Valderrama, a dynamo in mid-field throughout the often scrappy match, raced down the left wing to shoot into the bottom corner of the net with just three minutes left.

Bernardo Redin had put the Colombians ahead in the 50th minute when he dived to head home a cross from Leonel Alvarez which goalkeeper Mohsin Mosabah Farai failed to

The Emirates, newcomers to the finals, were tenacious in defence and though star striker

whole were too ragged to

threaten the South Americans. The result gave Colombia a psychological advantage over Yugoslavia, their next opponts, who face twice champions West Germany in Sunday's second Group D match.

Shock-haired Valderrama. with French club Montpellier, came in for the closest marking and was brought down by Essa Meer only minntes into the game at Bologna's Dell'ara stadium. English referee George Court-ney, adhering to FIFA's request

to crack down on offenders, produced the yellow card and also booked two other UAE players, Yousef Hussain Mohamed and Ibrahim Meer, Essa Meer's twin.

Colombia, absent from the finals since 1962, nearly came to grief in the closing minutes of the

first half. Defender Andres Escohar chipped the ball back to goalkeeper Rene Higuita, unaware that the Emirates' Ali Thani

Juma was lurking within reach. Ali Thani stole the ball and tried a snap shot and though his effort was blocked by Higuita. Talyani was only just wide with

Talyani was the only man seriously to trouble the exuberant Higuita in the second half. The goalkeeper had to race off his line in the 53rd minute to steal the ball from the striker's feet.

Romania defeats USSR

BARI, Italy (AP) — Marius Lacatus scored a goal in each half to lead Romania to an impressive 2-0 victory over the Soviet Union in their opening World Cup Group B soccer match Saturday.

Lacatus, roaming wide oo the right, scored the opening goal in the 41st minute and then clinched the victory with a 54th minute penalty after Soviet defender Vagiz Khidiyatullin was ruled to have handled in the penalty area.

Romania played with a wellorganised defence and the pace of its attackers repeatedly worried the Soviet backline.

The victory lifted Romania to the head of Group B, in which all the teams now have played one match. Unheralded Cameroon npset defending champioo Argentina 1-0 in the first Group B match in Milan Friday night.

Lacatus' opening goal came

Romanian goalkeeper Silvin Lung made three fine saves to thwart the Soviet forwards early in the game before the Romanians carved out their first real chance. Lacatus beat the Soviet de-

fence with his speed and cut in from the right, driving a rightfooted shot past goalkeeper Rinat Dasayev, who was beaten at the near post. The goal gave the Romanians

an obvious lift and they dominated the contest from that point

Lacatus made no misake with

Raducioiu combined hrilliantly in

the absence of star forward

his second half penalty, driving the hall past the helpless He and young striker Florin

strength in midfield, while Iosif Rotario drove forward repeatedly from the back. The Soviets over-elaborated in attack and lacked any real spark

Gheorghe Hagi, who missed the

Ionut Popscu was a tower of

match through suspension.

in midfield, particularly after Lacatus' second goal. Lacatus had a chance to com plete his hat-trick in the 75th

minute, but shot wide on an apparent easy opportunity. Romania is bidding to make it past the first round of the World Cup for the first time in five

The Soviet Union, runnerup

behind the Netherlands in the 1988 European championship, now faces a struggle to advance. The match was watched by a crowd of 42,960, officials said.

Salsabil wins Epsom Oaks

EPSOM, England (R) - Salsabil, the 2-1 favourite, completed the 1,000 Guineas-Epsom Oaks classic horse racing double in emphatic style Saturday. The brilliant filly came home

five lengths clear in the hands of

veteran Willie Carson, with 50-1 outsider Game Plan in second place, a length ahead of 16-1 shot Knight's Baroness. It was the third Group One success for Salsabil, who has now

of Europe's middle distance filmade the early running, but there the race were Irish 1,000 Guineas 1984.

toyed with her seven opponents

and oo this form looks the queen

was to be no repeat Epsom glory for jockey Pat Eddery, successful in the derby here Wednesday. When Quest for Fame completed a remarkable £633,000 double for his owner Khaled Abdullah.

Cameo Performance was done

halfway through the 1½-mile (2.4

to the front. The pair won unchal-

km) event, giving way to Ahead, ridden by Ray Cochrane, with Game Plan, the mount of Basil Marcus, also prominent. But Salsabil and Carson were biding their time and with two won five of her six starts. She furlongs (400 metres) left swept-

> English classic success and his fourth in the Oaks.

winner In The Groove, ridden by American Cash Asmussen, and the Aga Khan's Khrtajana, the mount of Walter Swinburn,

Second favourite In The Groove was a shadow of the filly that won so decisively in Ireland and struggled all the way up the straight. She finished

Kartajana, the third favourite, came under pressure a long way out and was last.

Salsabil's victory gave Hamdan Al Maktoum, owner of the brilhant Nashwan, his first success in lenged giving Carson, 47, his 15th the Oaks. Trainer John Dunlop was recording his second win in

PARIS (R) - Sixteen-year-old Yugoslav Monica Seles became the youngest-ever winner of the French tennis open women's singles title when she beat world number one Steffi Graf of West Germany 7-6 (8-6) 6-4 Saturday.

Seles, the second seed, scored gripping victory with a superior demonstration of power, speed and talent over the top-seeded West German, the champion in 1987 and 1988.

The Yugoslav, who lives in Florida, saved four set points in a first set tie-break before streaking ahead in the second set to clinch the match and almost \$300,000 in prize money.
"I really wanted it and I've

really worked hard with my father for it. I can't believe the thrill," Seles said after the match. Sele's parents wept with joy in

the stands of the packed Roland Garros stadium after Graf hit a forehand long to give her opponent the match.

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another bitter blow for the 20year-old West German. She lost to Seles last month in Berlin - strokes were also slightly off - and lost last year's French grand slam title. Open final to another youngster, Spain's Arantxa Sanchez Vicario.

then aged 17. Seles, who said she was flying to Italy Sunday to watch World Cup soccer, showed no signs in her 88-minute dissection of Graf of the fatigue she has complained of during the two-week tourna-

She rushed to 3-0 ahead in a rain-interrupted first set before Graf clawed back to force a tiebreakwhich she led 6-2 before the gusty Yugoslav took the next six points for the set.

Seles took the first three games of the second set, pinning Graf to the back of the court with her phy.

Graf's normal computer-like

ending a 66-match unbeaten run target as she sought her 10th "I'm lacking confidence at the moment, making more mistakes and oot making winners like I

used to. There's something missing," a disappointed Graf said The last games of the second set were an enthralling series of long railies between brutal hitters. Against the odds, it was Seles whose shots found the mark, while Graf's sliced back-

hands presented little challenge to the Yugoslav. Seles Yugoslav, who reached the semifinals in Paris last year, rushed to the stands where her parents were dancing with joy before accepting the winner's tro-

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Ethnic clashes kill over 100 in Soviet Central Asian region

MOSCOW (R) - Ethnic clashes have killed more than 100 people in the Soviet Central Asian republic of Kirghizia in the past six days, the Soviet News Agency TASS said Saturday.

The region surrounding the town of Osh, where the conflict between Kirghiz and Uzbeks was sparked Monday, was "excep-tionally tense," TASS added.

"According to the Kirghiz Interior Ministry, the death toll has reached 102, with 436 injured... 348 huildings have been hurnt down, including 255 houses," it

The president of neighbouring Uzbekistan said Friday the ethnic violence was spreading into his republic and imposed a state of emergency in a number of districts around Andizhan, on the border between the two repub-

Extra Interior Ministry forces and regular troops have been flown into the region to quell the conflict. A Soviet Interior Ministry spokesman said Saturday the border between the two republics was now entirely sealed.

TASS said troops guarding the border had fired into the air Friday to disperse a crowd of 15,000 Uzbeks trying to get into Osh from Andizhan.

A traveller returning from Osh Friday said the towns were quiet but there were skirmishes in

a hitter deadlock over Quebec

"The mission is accom-

plished," a weary Quebec Pre-

mier Robert Bourassa said after a

13-hour bargaining session on bis

province's role in the Canadian

constitutional process to making

the country wbole again," a bag-

gard Prime Minister Brian Mul-

roney told reportes after the

closeted in a converted railway

station for as many as 14 bours a

day since last Sunday trying to

BELFAST, Northern Ireland

(AP) — Gerry Adams, the

staunchest public defender of the

Irisb Republican Army (IRA),

it patently was not," said Adams,

IRA's political wing.

fighters.'

the president of Sinn Fein, the

Last week, Adams criticised

the mistaken killing of two Au-

stralian tourists in the Dutch

town of Roermond on May 27 as

"inexcusable and unjustifiable."

porters in Loudon this week that

he regards the IRA as "freedom

killed six people: attorneys

Stephen Melrose and Nicholas

Spanos in Roermond; British

army Pvt. William Robert

Davies, 19, on June 1 in Lich-

field; British army Maj. Michael

John Dillon-Lee 34, in Dort-

mund, West Germany, and

James Sefton. 65, and Ellen Sef-

bomb planted on their car.

The Seftons were killed by a

"What happened to those two

Meeting with journalists Fri-

day, Adams said it was not IRA

policy to attack retired police

have stuck religiously hy any

means," Rohin Wilson, editor of

Fortnight, a Belfast-based politic-

al journal, said in an interview.

British rule in Northern Ireland

and unite the mostly Protestant

province with the overwhelming-

ly Roman Catholic republic of

Sinn Fein criticism of IRA op-

erations has been accepted as an

unavoidable tension within a

movement that aspires to take

power "with a hallot paper in this

hand," as Sinn Fein's Danny

Morrison is in prison awaiting

Morrison put if in 1981.

trial on murder charges.

The IRA says it aims to end

'That's not a principle they

old people was totally wrong,'

ton, 66, in Belfast.

Adams said Thursday.

officers.

Within two weeks, the IRA has

However, Adams also told re-

The weary leaders had been

confederation.

Canadian leaders break

OTTAWA (R) - Canada's lead- its culture in largely English-

with an agreement in principle Quebec agreed to sign the 1982

recognising the French-speaking constitution removing the last

province's special status and easing fears that Canada could break vestiges of British control over Canada, will die if Saturday's

"It completes a most important loack to the accord when they

win over provinces opposed to have been the two dichard oppo-

granting Quebec special status nents of the agreement reached at

under the so-called Meech Lake Meech Lake, a government re-

constitutional accord protecting treat in Quebec's Gatinean Hills.

deadlock over Quebec

ers said Saturday they had broken speaking Canada.

"Army belicopters are moving the Uzbeks out and taking them to safety to Uzbekistan. But the danger now comes from busloads of young Uzbeks heading back in the other direction wanting to

take revenge," he said. The violence, which started in Osh after a quarrel over allocanon of land, is one of the worst outhreaks in two years of unrest which has killed hundreds of people in volatile Soviet Central

The Interior Ministry spokesman said earlier Saturday that the death toll had reached 83 but would undoubtedly rise.

"The figure is not final. It is likely we will find more bodies in the hurnt-out houses," he said. TASS said there had been no reports of trouble in the Kirghiz

capital, Frunze, where authorities imposed a state of emergency Thursday. The restrictions were introduced after a large crowd, demanding the resignation of the republic's leadership, tried to

storm the Communist Party headquarters. TASS accused the protesters of trying to seize power. An explosive mix of ethnic

The accord, under which

vestiges of British control over

agreement is not ratified by June

23. Legal experts were drafting a

final text expected to be sealed

and made public later Saturday.

Wells said the premiers were to

deal with one remaining roadb-

"You cannot ever expect to

come and get everything you

wanled but we certainly got a

significant proportion of what we

were after," Manitoba Premier

Newfoundland and Manitoba

Gary Filmon told reporters.

Newfoundland Premier Clyde

nationalism, inflamed by high unemployment and squalid living conditions, have created a tinderbox in the region.

In an article headlined "The Conflict Is Not Calming Down" the government dailay Izvestia Friday said security forces thought the death toll was much higher than had been acknow-

ledged.
In another development,
Soviet forces in Armenia said Friday the republic's government was paralysed in the face of Nationalist guerrillas and orged Moscow to intervene.

Army, Interior Ministry and border forces in Armenia, where troops fought gunbattles with guerrillas three weeks ago, said in a statement issued by TASS, ex-tremists were slandering and bating them.

"What are they counting on?" they asked. "They are counting on our patience, our restraint and on the fact that we are limited in our actions and not prepared to shoot at the people.

"They rely on the fact that they are not punished, that there is connivance. It is enough to say that there has not been one case in which measures bave been taken over criminal action by terrorists against servicemen. The authorities are practically paralysed," the statement said.

Troops were sent to the southgroups and years of pent-np ern republic two years ago to stop

monitored in Budapest, after a

Warsaw Pact summit Thursday

and meetings with Soviet and

Warsaw Pact military officials

MTI quoted Fur as saying:

'During the talks, I stated that

Warsaw Pact leaders declared

ter Dimitry Yazov seemed to

accep the Hungarian position but

that the idea seemed "quite re-

pulsive" to the supreme militry

Hungary tried to leave the

leaders of the Warsaw Pact.

executed for treason in 1958.

Around 65,000 Soviet troops

were subsequently stationed in

Hungary until a partial withdraw-

Moscow agreed earlier this

year to re-live the remaining

tive Hungarian Democrtic Forum

50,000 troops hy mid-1991.

al began last year.

Friday.

Hungary

to quit

Azerbaijanis over Nagorno-Karabakh - a largely Armenian territory surrounded and governed by Azerbaijan.

Hundreds have been killed in the clashes. But in recent months. events have taken a more sinister turn for central Soviet authorities. with Armenians turnings their anger on the party and the

Three weeks ago, 27 people were killed in armed clashes between Armenian radicals and sol-

The chief of Interior Ministry troops said after the clash he believed the local Communist authorities were tolerating the guerrillas and passively "conniving." The army declaration concluded with a call for action.

We appeal to you (the Soviet parliament) to make a political analysis of the events in Armenia and do everything possible to stabilise the situation in this bloodstained region," it said.

Soviet newspapers have publisbed reports of nationalist, separatist guerrilla armies rallying in the countryside around Yerevan and on the border with Azerbaijan.

The Interior Ministry has reported frequent attacks on army posts and armouries by groups which have built up stocks of rifles, sub-machine guns and ex-

Thatcher

party wins landslide victory

Havel's

PRAGUE (Agencies) - The Civic Forum movement, which spearheaded the overthrow of Communist rule seven months ago, won a landslide victory in Czechoslovakia's general election Saturday, according to an officially-sanctioned exit poll.

The poll, published 30 minutes after voting ended in the country's first free elections in four decades, gave Civic Forum and its Slovak sister organisation Public Against Violence almost 50 per cent of the total vote for the two chambers of parliament.

The three-party Christian Democratic Union showed second with 15 per cent, with the Communists third on 10 per cent. The poli was carried out among

10.400 people in 261 polling sta-Polls opened at dawn on the

second day of halloting and the first indications of trends were expected 30 minutes after they closed at 2 p.m. (1200 GMT). Final results were scheduled to be available Sunday.

Apart from the Christian democratic alliance only three other parties — the Communists. the Environmentalist Greens and the Social Democrats - were projected to do well enough to clear the 5-per cent hurdle needed to be represented in parliament, whose seats will be filled according to the proportion of votes parties receive.

Only in Slovakia, the more rural southeastern part of the nation, was the race expected to be relatively close, with the Christian Democrats in a good position to win in that republic.

The Czechoslovak News Agency (CTK) reported that 2.5 million Slovaks - 71.4 per cent of the region's electorate — bad cast ballots by the end of the first day.

Cheney orders nuclear missiles off bombers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Desified fence Secretary Dick Chency Friday ordered the U.S. Air Force to remove short-range nuclear attack missiles from its bombers pending the outcome of safety studies of the warheads.

The directors of three U.S. nuclear weapons laboratories called for the withdrawal of the weapons two weeks ago during congressional testimony. They suggested there was a remote possibility the weapons could leak plutonium in an accident.

The missiles are known as the short-range attack missile-A. or SRAM-As, and are carried aboard the nation's 372 deployed B-52, B-1B and FB-111 bombers. The air force has said that 1,500 of the weapons were produced between 1971 and 1975, but the current number deployed is clas-

In a statement issued at the Defence Department, Chency said that the weapons would not be placed on board bombers on

"ground alert." Those are the nation's warplanes that are loaded with weapons, fuelled, and ready to fly within minutes. The number of aircraft on such alert is classified.

Cheney's statement said the weapons would be removed from the bombers pending the outcome of the safety studies being conducted by the air force and the Energy Department, whose labs and factories are responsible for producing the nation's nuclear weapons.

Chency "signed the order today as a precaution," the state-

U.N. extends mandate for C. American force

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The U.N. Security Council has extended the mandate of the U.N. observer group in Central America for 19 days in order to com-plete the lagging demobilisation

of the Nicaraguan rebels.

The U.N-supervised demobilisation of more than 13,000 Nicaraguan "contra" resistance fighters and support personnel was to have been completed by June 10.

As of Thursday, 6,538 members of the Nicaraguan resistance had demobilised since the process began on May 8, according to U.N. officials.

The U.N. observers, known by the acronym ONUCA, have placed 995 military personnel in six border areas.

Demobilisation bad lagged because some contra leaders had insisted on parallel dismantling of some forces of the former Sandimsta army under the new,

The unanimous decision by the Security Council forestalled a confrontation between the United States, which backs the contras, and Cuba, supporter of the former leftist Sandinista govern-"It would be a mistake for

ONUCA, which has placed such a central part in making demobilisation possible, to be withdrawn when the work is now on the whole proceeding rapidly and its completion is within reach," the secretary-general told the council

He said the Nicaraguan government also wants ONUCA's mandate extended.

U.N. · Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar said earlier that the slow-demobilisation presented a "dangerous dilemma" to the United Nations, which established ONUCA to monitor the ceasefire and disarm the re-

elected, non-Communist govern-Peruvian candidates end bitter campaign on conciliatory note

LIMA (R) - Novelist Mario Vargas Llosa and Japanese immigrants' son Alberto Fujimori made emotional last-minute appeals to try to woo voters before Peru's presidential election Sunday.

Ending a bitter campaign that polarised Peru's society along class and religious lines, both candidates struck conciliatory notes in separate television messages Friday night.

"Peru is like a book, an ancient and beautiful book but still unfinished," said Vargas Ilosa, an internationally known writer who has never held elective office.

"Now, Peruvians, let's give a happy ending to the book of our history... by turning hack hunger, misery, violence with more jobs. opportunity," he said in a poetic.

guerrilla war, crippling strikes, a Japanese ancestry and his support booming narcotics trade and the among Protestant Evangelists in modern history.

Fujimori, an agronomist and Fujimori, an agronomist and the campaign.

political novice, set aside bitter. Fujimori, who surged from nothe country's crushing problems.

"Our people will not surrender to adversity... Peru, united, can defeat backwardness and terror,' he said in a brief television speech closing bis campaign.

Peruvian law bars campaigning on the day before the voting. The campaign for the run-off election has polarised the country along class lines, with the rich hacking centre-right Vargas Llosa and the poor mainly behind Fujimori, a centrist and indepen-

worst economic crisis in Peru's this overwhelmingly Catholic country, have also burst open in

attacks on Vargas Llosa to arge where to finish just behind Var-Peruvians to join forces to defeat gas Llosa in the first round of voting on April 8, has built his campaign on opposition to Vargas Llosa's so-called shock plans to revive the economy.

Fujimori and leftist leaders wbo back him say Vargas Llosa's plans to privatise state-owned firms and end food subsidies would throw millions of Peruvians out of work and plunge industry into a recession from which it may never recover.

Polisters said the roller-coaster race was now close, with the two candidates apparently dead-even at about 40 per cent each in the quest to succeed outgoing, centre-left President Alan Garcia.

World Cup highlights

ROME (R) - Passengers on long-haul flights with at least three European airlines will get a chance to watch World Cup soccer matches. Alitalia, state airline of host nation Italy, Swissair and Dutch carrier KLM all announced that they would keep high-flying fans in touch with video highlights. Swissair and KLM will show 10-minute synopses of matches the day after they are played, but only on outbound flights, a Swissair spokesman in Zurich said. Alitalia said it would show all of Italy's matches and games of other countries in the 24-nation towns-

Car accident causes unwanted pregnancy

motorist wants the man who hit his parked car to pay damages, because the accident made his girlfriend pregnant. The bump caused him to "lose control," he said. "We were minding our own business when we were hit by the other car and that's when my girlfriend became pregnant," he said in a claim on a Naples car insurance company. He said that on March 10 they were in his small Fiat Panda overlooking the Bay of Naples when the parket Panda was hit by a larger Fiat Regata: An insurance company spokeswoman said the man, whose name and age were not disclosed — wanted damages because he and his girlfriend have we get married. It would be a difficuit case for loss adjusters to settle, she said, partly, because of the lack of photographic evidence.**.*

bas said that the killing of a reserve police officer and his wife place the Hungarian army fully at times inelodramatic, address. under national command." depict the home life of an average Two months later, an IRA unit Whoever wins will lead a na-Simmering racial and religious "I also said this had partly to was "totally wrong." family in central England. shot and killed three civilians in tion beset by a brutal Maoist divisions, centring on Fujimori's "You don't expect me to say do with the review of the Warsaw Coagh, and the next month an Pact just now initiated and partly that it was a good operation when

burt the Republican movement and he urged the guerrillas to be "careful, and careful again."

renpoint. More recent IRA "mistakes" and the death of 16-year-old Ter-

blamed such operations for the decline in the party's vote in national elections from a high of 13.4 per cent in 1983 to 11.4 per

week to promote his latest book, Cage Eleven, about his experiences in prison. Questions, however, inevitably focused on the killings in Roermond, Lich-

"I have been very critical of the IRA. I have made my criticisms known in a principled way where it matters, in Republican circles as well as the mass media," Adams said. "There can be no doubt where Sinn Fein stands on actions which lead to the deaths of civilians or injuries to civi-

"I don't want to see anyone killed, much less a 19-year-old soldier, an Australian citizen or an Irish citizen, but there is a

"There is a war going on. People join armies to fight." Adams, said Wilson, is "getting himself into what seems to anybody on the ontside as an hand, and an armalite in this extraordinary state of contortion where he says he will not disown the IRA hut it seems that every

IRA killings expose strains in movement

> Hungary was not to take part in the Warsaw Pact military exercises this year and intended to

Warsaw Pact membership by late next year." "Until then, the emphasis should be laid on (the Pact's) political character. Besides, the country's economic situation does not allow for spending millions on manoeuvres."

their intention Thursday to review the nature of the group and start transforming it into "an de in Londonderry in January. alliance of sovereign and equal states resting on democratic principles. Fur said Soviet defence Minis-

cent in 1987. Adams was in London this

field and Dortmund.

killing of soldiers.

conflict," he said.

other IRA incident he manages

In January 1989, Adams declared that murders of civilians

IRA bomb killed a 20-year-old with Hungary's wish to cancel its Roman Catholic woman in War-

included the killing of Heidi Hazell, 26-year-old German wife of a British soldier in September. the slaying of the 6-month-old daughter of a British soldier in Germany the following month, ry Love, killed by debris from an IRA bomb while watching a para-

Some Sinn Fein activists have

But he did not criticise the

The Warsaw Pact controls some five million troops, though the key frontline East German army is already disintegrating as the country moves towards uni-fication with West Germany. Fur, a member of the conserva-

which won multi-party elections on March 25 and April 8, said he had called on Yazov to accelerate the pullout. "The Soviet side responded by saying this could not be met because of transport and accommodation problems," MTI to disown." quoted Fur as saying.

flies to Warsaw **Kiev** Pact by KIEV, Soviet Union (R) - Brit-

late 1991 ish Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher expressed support to a BUDAPEST (R) - Hungarian group of six Soviet "refuseniks" Defence Minister Lajos Fur has Saturday before flying from Mossaid Hungary wanted to leave the cow to the scenic Ukrainian capit-Soviet-led Warsaw Pact by late al of Kiev. 1991 and would not take part in During her stay in Kiev, on the

its military exercises this year. third day of a four-day visit to the Hungary's first post-Commun-Soviet Union, Thatcher visited ist government took office in May the Babi Yar monument to pledging to launch talks on leav-100,000 citizens shot by occupying German forces during World War II. ing the seven-nation military alliance, without setting a departure deadline.

In a last-minute addition to her Fur's statement marked the programme, Thatcher was schefirst time Hungary had publicly duted to hold a 30-minute meetset a date on leaving the pact ing with around 70 of the 450 which has been hit by the collapse deputies to the Ukraine Supreme of old-style Communism in the Soviet (parliament) at their re-Soviet Union's Eastern European He spoke in Moscow to the

She began her day in the Hungarian News Agency (MTI), Ukrainian capital, its boulevards lush and green in contrast to the drabness of Moscow, by visiting a month-long British trade fair and exhibition of the "British way of

Greeted by the drums and bagpines of the hand of the Royal Scots Dragoon Guards, Thatcher toured a replica of a British high street and visited a two-storey semi-detached house meant to

MAASTRIGHT, Netherlands

(AP) - Euthanasia practitioners

attending a 21-nation mercy kill-

ing conference Friday accused a

retired American physician of

moral cowardice for providing a suicide machine to end the life of an alzheimer victim. Janet Adkins died Monday in the back of Dr. Jack Kevorkian's van after injecting herself with a lethal chemical, sparking a major

legal and medical debate in the United States. But at the eighth world conference of the International Federation of Right-to-Die Societies, the case was regarded as so unimportant that it wasn't even discus-

Warsaw Pact at the height of the Dr. Piet Admiraal, one of two 1956 uprising against Soviet Dutch physicians who have domination, but was thwarted by spearheaded a 15-year campaign an invasion of Soviet tanks. for the full legalisation of eutha-Prime Minister Imre Nagy, who nasia in the Netherlands, said he made the declaration in 1956 was had been approached by Kevorkian for help but had refused it. "I tried to explain to him time

sed in public, doctors said.

machine here." Admiraal told the Associated Press. "I prefer to simply inject (the lethal drugs) myself ... and if the patient prefers to do it we give

and again we don't need such a

him a (euthanasia) drink " Admiraal described Kevorkian as "a very odd, possessed man ... if they don't prosecute Kevorkian, auything goes, just anything will be possible."

Dutch legal and medical au-

thorities widely approve of the principle that patients be allowed to opt for death when they face pointless suffering or terminal ill-However, mercy killing is still technically on Dutch law books as

a crime carrying a 12-year max-

imum prison term.

Euthanasia advocates in the United States have noted Kevorkian set up the hutton-operated intravenous drip in his parked van 65 kilometres east of Detroit because Michigan has vague laws on doctor-assisted suicide.

Mrs. Adkins, a 47-year-old resident of Portland, Oregon, travelled 3.200 kilometres to be connected to the suicide machine. Herbert Cohen, a Dutch gener-

al practitioner also known for his willingness to perform mercy killing, said Kevorkian had used the device "just so he could run away" from the moral repercussions of Mrs. Adkins' death. "Such a machine is no express-

ion of compassion, tenderness or care," Cohen said. In a Friday conference address. Coben made no direct reference to Mrs. Adkins' case but urged his colleagues to take the time to "sit down, hold hands" with

patients who ask to die.

"You cannot ... discuss euthanasia, standing at the foot of the bed, in a white coat, mumhling Latin incantations," Cohen told his audience of physicians. lawyers and right-to-die activists on the second day of the gathering which discussed legal, ethical and psychological aspects of the

right to die. On Thursday, Admiraal described the semi-official guidelines under which Dutch doctors are usually immune from prosecution in euthanasia cases.

In line with those requirements, patients must have asked to die voluntarily and persistently, and physicians must consult with colleagues and the patient's relatives.

In Detroit, 54-year-old Kevorkian asked a circuit judge Friday

Mercy killing practitioners denounce U.S. doctor to allow him to form a committee to establish an international

'planned death policy."

Kevrokian told Judge Alice committee with members from all sectors of society that would study his device, which involves injection of coma-and death-inducing drugs, and the circumstances under which it could be used. The panel would establish a policy "for the world" for use of his invention, Kevorkian said, promising be would refrain from using it again until the committee completed its work.

Gilbert recessed the hearing in Pontiac until this afternoon without ruling. Oakland County Prosecutor Richard Thompson took Kevorkian to court, seeking an injunction barring further use of the device that killed adkins.

Although Michigan has no law against assisting suicide, Thompson has said authorities are investigating the possibility of charges against the doctor, and they don't want the device used again. Fewer than half of the states

commit suicide, hnt law professors say the legality of such assistance is open to interpretation. Meanwhile, a survey in USA Today found that two-thirds of people say the terminally ill

should be allowed to end their

lives, and medical facilities

should be available to help them

have outlawed helping someone

do it. The phone poli of 724 adults, with a sampling error of 3.5 per cent, also found 28 per cent feel Kevorkian should be prosecuted and 43 per cent said he shouldn't be punished.

Although authorities failed to subpoena Kevorkian at his Royal Oak home Thursday, they did serve papers to his sisters, Margo Gilbert he wanted to form a Janus of Troy and Flora Holzheimer of Frankfurt. West Germany. They allegedly were present in the Oakland County Park where Adkins died in the back of Kevorkian's 1968 Volkswagen

> Assisting a suicide is a crime in 23 states and three U.S. territories, said Robert Brown, professor and director of the Health Law Centre at the University of Detroit Law School.

In those jurisdictions, assisting suicide is classified as a nnique offense, manslaughter or murder, Brown said. "I think it's unlikely that

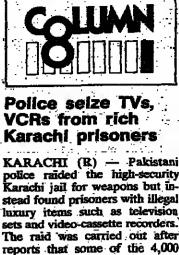
Michigan is going to become the suicide haven of North America, Brown said. "There may be an aiding and abetting statute in which a prosecutor may squeeze these facts in." Suicide is legal in Michigan,

but Professor Yale Kamisar of

the University of Michigan Law School said the legality of assisting a suicide is open to debate. In 1920, the Michigan Supreme Court ruled that a man who had put poison within the reach of his deathly ill wife was guilty of

first-degree murder when she committed suicide, Kamisar said. But in 1983, the state court of appeals said a man shouldn't be charged with murder because he had given a friend a gim that the friend later used to commit

"The high court didn't review the 1983 appeal, so we have this intermediate court causing all this confusion," Kamisar said.



police said. Boy who received rare blood transplant discharged

prisoners in the 19th century jail

had weapons for a possible jail

break, the police said Saturday

"No arms were recovered," a jai

official said. However, 13 televi-

sions, 32 radios, seven video-

cassette recorders and 23 video

cassettes had been recovered,

CINCINNATI, Ohio (R) - A six-year-old boy who underwent a rare bone marrow transplant us-ing umbilical cord blood from he infant brother has been discharged from hospital, doctors said Friday. The procedure - the first operation of its kind in the United States and only the third in the world - was pronounced a success last month by physicians at Children's Hospital Medical Centre. But Eric Miller of McFarland, Wisconsin, will contime with outpatient treatment and will have to be kept in isolation because his immune system is suppressed to enable the transplant to take, the announcement said. The boy, who suffered from a rare disorder known as Fanconi's Anaemia, was given blood collected from the umbilical cord of his brother Ethan at the time of his birth seven months ago. Doctors said the blood is rich in the kind of cells that cause bone marrow to grow. _

Man who died -is given job back

SYDNEY (AP) — A man who died while going to a hearing to fight his dismissal has been reinstated to his job. The State Industrial Commission made its de-cision so the unidentified 62-yearold man's family can collect an 8,000-dollar (\$6,160) lump-sum pension payout. The commission ruled that Norman Ross discounts fired the 10-year employee unfairly for failing to check truckload of stock, some of which later turned out to be missing. But Norman Ross was short-staffed at the time, and the commission ruled that the worker could not reasonably have been expected to check the load. "We believe it is the first case in NSW (New South Wales state) where an organisation has sought reinstatement retroactively after an employee's death," said Joe de Bruyn, secretary of the shop. Distributive and Allied Employees Union, which pursued the case.

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